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TODAY'S WEATHER.—Light South or Southeast winds. Fair generally, but cloudy towards dawn.
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Israel's Air Force In Action

First Offensive

Tel-Aviv, May 20.—A Haganah communique said that Israel Air Force in its first offensive operation, on record today, raided the Arab Legion forces near Zemar on the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee.

The communique said: "We attacked military targets and all the planes returned to their bases safely." It gave no details.

The communique also said that fighting in Jerusalem continued following the entry of Arab Legion reinforcements.

The Jews claim control virtually of all Jerusalem's new city. Arab forces in the hills northeast and south of Jerusalem were reportedly trying to pierce movements to complete an encirclement of the entire city. This would cut off Jerusalem from the Tel-Aviv highway across which reinforcements and ammunition have been coming for the past week.

CAMP CAPTURED

Jewish reports from other battle areas said: The Haganah captured the large former British army camp of Sarafand in 90 minutes of fighting and shelling off the Arab hopes of a quick thrust to the coast. The capture saved the Jews \$2,000, 000 which they had previously agreed to pay the British for the camp.

Mid-afternoon reports from Jerusalem said the Legionnaires were pressing their attack on the old city of the Jewish quarter from the Armenian and Moslem quarters with "heavy fighting" proceeding.

Unofficial unconfirmed reports here said that some 40,000 Arab regular and irregular troops faced about 4,000 Jewish men in Jerusalem battling with more reinforcements pouring in.

These reports said that the Jewish army had organized a new plan in which the old city of the Jewish quarter would be evacuated and the Arabs leaving there sealed off. According to this plan, the Jews must recapture the northern approaches to Jerusalem near Sheikh Jarrah.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Rebuff For Stalin

THE 11-point statement issued by the State Department setting out the reasons for rejecting Stalin's offer to discuss world problems, though weighty in argument, is not altogether convincing. It suggests a clever diplomatic debating achievement rather than a thoughtful decision based on the fullest consideration of all the implications of the offer. The sequence of events associated with the subject of U.S.-Soviet relations leaves the impression that Marshall's "No" to Stalin's overtures is due as much as anything else to the Kremlin's stupid breach of confidence in relaying to the world the private Bedell-Smith-Molotov talks. Marshall's insistence that only the United Nations can properly settle the issues in dispute is correct protocol, but on the other hand in adopting this attitude, the Secretary of State is not displaying too much imagination. Whatever might be said now, the Bedell-Smith and Molotov discussions were originally intended to clear the ground for new relationships between the United States and Russia, and it is conceivable that had they remained secret long enough, they stood a good chance of maturing into positive action. Mr. Marshall was obviously embarrassed by the premature disclosure of these exploratory talks—an embarrassment not eased by Wallace's action in affording Stalin an opportunity of trying to cover up his original indiscretion. To the world at large, though, these seem comparatively unimportant aspects. The first reaction to the announcement that the United States and

Soviet Russia might get together to iron out differences was widespread relief and hope, and despite the cogent arguments of Mr. Marshall now as to why it is impossible to conduct unilateral discussions, the world would again breathe with relief and hope. If the United States announced its willingness to have some straight talks with Russia, the Democracies still remember the success which attended the meetings of the Big Three leaders during the war, and many people share the belief that in this moment of acute misunderstanding, amounting almost to a crisis, a similar meeting could produce beneficial results. Big issues call for imaginative treatment, and they demand that all possible methods should be tried in an endeavour to compose them. Immutability of policies and decisions are dangerous, and invariably lead to conflict. An elastic policy, capable of being adapted to meet the needs of the time does not imply surrender of principles, but it does permit of conciliation, and can produce mutually beneficial results. The eyes of the world today are on United States and Russia, and not on the United Nations. This, perhaps, is unfortunate, but as a fact it must be appreciated and its important influence on international affairs accordingly evaluated. If most of the people of the world believe that something useful can be accomplished in the name of peace by these two countries taking the initiative and discussing their differences and the problems of the world, the opportunity of so doing should not lightly be cast away by either nation.

JEWES SEALED OFF IN OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

Surrender Awaited

London, May 20.—Arab Legionnaires said in Jerusalem tonight that unless the estimated 500 Jews holding out with their backs to the wall in the Jewish quarter of the Old City surrender within the next 24 hours, the area will be smashed to rubble by Legion mortars and field guns.

This statement from Arab Legion sources followed a forecast of "important developments" by the Arab military commander directing the continuing battle in the Old City. New York reports, quoting Jerusalem despatches, said the Arabs expected the Jewish quarter of the Old City to fall in a matter of hours.

Egyptian forces, meanwhile, advancing through the southern Palestine desert, have occupied the strategic inland Arab town of Beersheba, 45 miles from Jerusalem, and are driving further along the coast towards Tel-Aviv, Israel's capital.

News of these hard-won advances by Egyptian units fighting forward in two prongs along the traditional caravan route and coast road, came in a surprise communique issued in Cairo after the Egyptian High Command had been silent for two days. It reported that Egyptian forces on the West had captured Deir Suneld, on the railway eight miles beyond Gaza and three miles north of Beit Handun.

Jews and Arabs reported heavy fighting in Jerusalem's Old City, where Arabs are claiming mopping up the last Jewish posts.

MUNITIONS DUMP HIT

Haganah said the Arab Legion's attacks were launched on the Jewish quarter from the Armenian and Moslem quarters.

Arab guns landed a direct hit on an ammunition dump in the New City, a Transjordan Arab communique stated.

Seignham Maynes, Reuters' correspondent covering the fighting in Jerusalem, reports that despite the heavy shelling by the guns of the Transjordan Arab Legion, there have been no reports so far of damage to any holy places within the old walls of Jerusalem.

Shells have burst around the large Jewish Synagogue, from which Jewish troops are said to have been firing, and others,

streaching over the ancient city of David, outside the Holy City walls, have crashed into streets where Christ walked.

Mortar bombs have crashed within 10 yards of the Jewish walling wall, without doing any damage.

In the New City, debris from shelled buildings is littering the streets. All municipal services have broken down with the exception of a limited telephone service.

The Arab Legion communique on the battle in Jerusalem said that "Arab Legion forces are continuing to make progress in the city after occupying Sheikh Jarrah quarter at the Damascus Gate."

SHELLING QUARTERS

The report adds that the Jews are suffering heavy losses and are in retreat before "our forces."

Arab Legion artillery is meanwhile continuing to shell the Jewish quarters and a heavy explosion was heard when a direct hit was scored on a police depot.

Arab artillery, according to the Legion communique, also shelled a Jewish concentration in Sindhadin—the northwestern part of Jerusalem—while the Jews were preparing to launch a counter-attack.

"Heavy losses were inflicted on the Jews, and the concentration was dispersed. Artillery also shelled a Jewish convoy coming from the direction of Abugosh village," the communique added.

In Tel-Aviv, meanwhile, the Jews tonight issued details of the first sortie by the Jewish Air Force and said that Arab Legion armoured units and Iraqi artillery concentrated in the Samakh area, south of Lake Tiberias, were the targets.

Arab Legion leaders, who met on the Syrian-Transjordan frontier today, were understood to have discussed administrative steps to be taken in the liberated areas of Palestine, according to a report from Damascus.

COMMANDOS IN ACTION

King Abdullah of Transjordan, Emir Abdul Ilah, regent of Iraq, Shukri Bey el Kountay, President of Syria, Bechara el Khoury, President of the Lebanon, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League, and military leaders attended the meeting.

A Haganah communique from the Jewish capital of Tel-Aviv, meanwhile, discloses that Jewish commandos broke into the Syrian camp near Enot Yacov, driving out Syrian troops after fierce hand to hand fighting.

The Jewish troops remained in possession of the camp for several hours, destroying armoured cars and fields guns and blowing up arms and ammunition dumps.

A dawn raiding plane, meanwhile, dropped three bombs on the Jewish capital today, causing no casualties and only negligible damage, the communique adds.—Reuter.

Compensation Claim Rejected

London, May 20.—Russia has rejected Britain's claim for compensation for the loss of British lives when a British airliner and a Russian fighter collided and crashed near Berlin on April 5.

In a note just received, Russia put forward a counter claim for compensation, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.—Reuter.



The camera catches three highlight moments during the stormy meeting this week of the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce, at which 200 members walked out in protest. Top right, Hon M. K. Lo delivering his pungent speech; top left, the chairman, Mr Tung Chung-wai addressing the meeting; above, some of the older members of the Chamber vote for the election of supervisors.—Photos by Ming Yuen.

VIETNAM GOVT. TO SEEK RECOGNITION

Prime Minister Coming Here To See Bao Dai

Saigon, May 20.—General Nguyen Van Xuan, the newly-elected Prime Minister of the Central Vietnam Government, revealed today that he would shortly ask for the recognition of his Government by foreign powers.

At a press conference following today's elections, General Xuan expressed the hope that the French Government would provide this recognition "within several days."

In regard to the unified Vietnam Government's position towards France, the Premier said he hoped France would permit the new State to have consular agents, in return for which Vietnam would agree to be represented by the same consuls abroad as France.

The new Vietnam Cabinet will be formed in June, General Xuan declared.

"I plan to leave next Tuesday for Hongkong to present the list of Ministers to Bao Dai," he said.

The proclamation of the new Government, he added, would be made in Hue, capital of the Empire of Annam in the Throne Room. Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam, will not himself attend these ceremonies.

However, the forthcoming meeting between General Xuan, Bao Dai and M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, will take place shortly afterwards.

The meeting of the three statesmen, it was understood, will be arranged immediately following negotiations between M. Bollaert and General Xuan in the Bay of Along, where an agreement is to be signed on the status of the new Central Indo-China Government. Bao Dai is not expected to sign this agreement.

General Xuan further disclosed that the present Cochinchina Government would be transformed into an administrative committee, headed by M. Tran Van Huu, its current Vice-President.

Hope was also expressed by General Xuan that France would include within the Constitution of the French Union the term "associated states and allied states."

"Vietnam would thus obtain a status similar to that of a Dominion," he stated.

BAO DAI'S MESSAGE

Meanwhile, Bao Dai, in a message addressed to the new Premier, gave his full approbation to the "de facto" Vietnam Government.

"The constitution of the Provisional Central Vietnam Government marks the first step toward resolving the Vietnam problem with regard to France and international opinion."

"The people have asked me to come back to power, but I feel that under the present circumstances this would be of no benefit to the country," Bao Dai said.

The ex-Emperor's approval was expected to enable General Xuan to obtain the joint support in future of delegates from the three provinces—Annam, Tonkin and Cochinchina—of Indo-China. "I wish to assure you of the collaboration of your compatriots who will do all they can to facilitate the progress of this task dedicated to the best interests of the country and the people," the message said.—Reuter.

Wallace's Offer

San Diego, May 20.—Mr. Henry Wallace, third party candidate for the United States Presidency, said here that if it would help the cause of peace he would visit Marshal Stalin.—Reuter.

A STORMY MEETING

Princess Elizabeth Defended

Actions In Paris All Perfectly Harmless

London, May 20.—Responsible Court sources defended Princess Elizabeth today against Scottish churchmen's criticism.

The Scots complained that she went to horse races, a theatre and a night club last Sunday in Paris.

The Court sources said the rebukes were unjustified, unfair and unkind of Continental amenities.

Buckingham Palace, in traditional policy, had "nothing to say" officially. Commenting on their own, however, the court sources said the criticism "overlooked the fact that the Princess and her husband were doing in Paris what the Parisians do—and it was all perfectly harmless."

The General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland and the Scottish Association of the Lord's Day Observance Society complained in messages to the Prime Minister yesterday that the Princess's conduct was a "disgrace to the Crown" and a "disgrace to the British youth by devoting so much of Sunday to light amusements."

NOT ON A SPREE

The Court sources commented: It is unfair to say or to imply that they were on a night club spree. Actually they were simply dining out, as they would be expected to do, and if there were theatrical entertainment and dancing surely that doesn't suggest a night club in even a faintly indecorous sense.

The Royal Family has rarely been censured in recent years by religious bodies. An African Church criticised King George VI for playing tennis on Sunday during the Royal tour of South Africa last year. No other such rebuke could be recalled since King George became King more than ten years ago.—Associated Press.

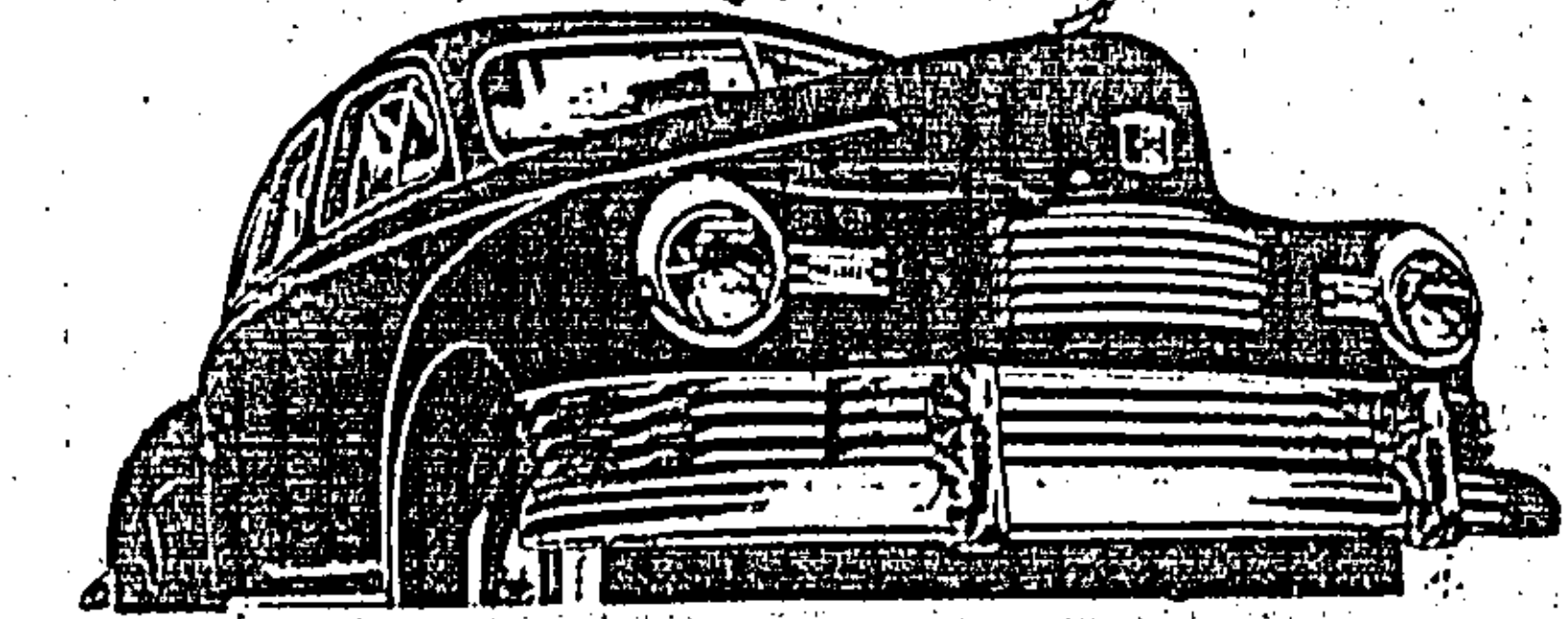
PEACE TREATY TALKS OFF

London, May 20.—Official United States sources said tonight the Four Power talks of an Austrian peace treaty will be called off indefinitely.

The breakdown, which follows a temporary suspension two weeks ago, came after nearly two years of futile efforts to resolve the differences between Russia on the one side and the United States, Britain and France on the other.

The sources said the indefinite suspension came on Wednesday when Mr. Samuel Reber, chief of the American delegation, met privately with Mr. M. P. Krimov, head of the Soviet delegation, to talk over chances of reaching an Austrian accord.—Associated Press.

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The New New Look Turns On . . .

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Point De Venice

Scooped-Out



THE neckline of this dress (on the left) closes beneath the smooth collar. It is scooped out, but the seemingly bare section is filled in with flesh-covered net. Flaps turn back from it in collar-like fashion. The snug bodice fastens with self-covered buttons. The skirt's unpressed pleats are controlled by seaming over the hips.

Tussore, that beautiful silk fabric, is being used for some of the season's most important designs, of which this is an excellent example. This very attractive daytime dress is of cool, navy tussore, nice for wear right through the torrid season. It has gently sloping shoulders and elbow-length sleeves.

Point de Venice lace is used in this Navy blue chiffon dinner dress (middle) the neck to describe a yoke. The lace edge on the diminutive sleeve is backed with horsehair to give the sleeve a perky line. The bodice is seamed to a tiny waist and the skirt is very full, getting that way with the help of three layers of starched chiffon.

Navy is having its biggest season in years, being paramount for smart evening wear as well as for daytime wear in both dress and casual categories.

A new and different treatment of the so-called "new look," is apparent in this adaptation of daytime dress. Of gray crepe over a taffeta slip, it features a deep, scooped out neckline filled in with a white pique dicky with standing collar. As is the case with the very newest clothes, the fullness is concentrated in back where the apron-tier forms a bustle effect.

Around The Town-- With Mercia Hillaly

RADIO listeners were greeted with a new "voice" on the air this week when Susan Howard capably stepped into the breach to take over the popular weekly variety request programme "It's in the air," formerly run by Lynn Fraser. Although this was her first attempt at broadcasting, she had not the least feeling of uneasiness about it, due perhaps to the fact that she is in constant contact with the public through the many many letters she receives every day.

There will be an informal talk at the Y.W.C.A. Duddell Street on May 26 at 8.15 p.m. by the Commissioner of Labour, the Hon. B. C. K. Hawkins, OBE for members of the Hongkong Council of Women.

Rehearsals are well under way for "Knock," the play chosen by the French A.D.C. for presentation next week. It is a well-known comedy by Jules Romains, about a doctor who tries to convince members of the community for whom he works, of their need for care and attention. The producer is Mr. J. Gensburger and the cast includes several young and talented members of the French and Belgian communities. So make a note of the day May 28 at the China Flat Club; tickets can be obtained at Sennet Freres.

Remains of the once lovely French period suite, owned by Sir N. H. Mody were auctioned together with some of his other property on Wednesday morning after it had been left unused for about thirty years. Let us hope the clammy hand of damp and mould have not destroyed in any way his collection of curios and works of art which are due to come up for auction in a week or so.

Students of the Hongkong University will breathe a bit easier when their exams terminate tomorrow after which the University closes for the summer session.

Mrs Yeoh Guan-ang, chief case worker to the Hongkong Social Welfare Council arrived here this week after spending three months in Britain as the guest of the British Council.

Freud Had Got It Wrong

TWENTY-five thousand charlatans, posing as psychological consultants, are fleecing the public of £120-million a year, according to the American Psychological Association.

But Dr. Orval Mowrer, associate professor of education at Harvard University, challenges even the 3500 qualified psychologists, psychiatrists and vocational counsellors.

Says Mowrer: "It's about time psychoanalysts advanced from outmoded theories. Freud (founder of psychoanalysis) was wrong about what causes anxiety."

From the age of 13, when his father died, Mowrer suffered periods of anxiety, and was psychoanalysed three times without being cured.

Finally, he decided to study psychology and apply the knowledge to his own case. As part of the plan, he took his doctor's degree at Johns Hopkins University.

Mowrer says: "Neuroses don't come from repressed sex or aggressive instinct, but from repression of conscience. In clinical experience, I've found that a neurotic is a person who has a lot he's ashamed of."

ODD FACTS

The death of a 60-year-old Californian spinster revealed the fact that though she herself lived in a two-room shack, she had been keeping 77 pedigreed cocker spaniels, seven goats and seven chickens.

When the Chief of Police in Centralia, Pa., opened his mail the other day he found in one envelope a warrant for his own arrest, filed by his wife on a charge of non-support.

In the last five years, four sets of twins have been born to a Massachusetts woman.

Cultivating Pretty Lashes



An eyelash curler is a convenient item to keep on your dresser.

By HELEN FOLLETT

LONG, dark, up-tilted eyelashes have a romantic appeal.

Lashes are a frail growth. Their life span is shorter than the hair upon one's head. They fluff away and, unless the lids are in healthy condition, others won't grow. Styes are a menace, may thin the growth of the silky threads to an alarming degree.

The winkers live on the blood supply. It is imperative that the circulation of the blood streams should be vigorous and active. Before washing your face, bathe the eyes with hot water, then with cold; that will bring a reaction of the circulation. When the eyes are tired, apply ice cold compresses. And don't rub your eyes.

A twice daily application of mineral oil will prove of benefit if the lashes are thin and short. Apply it with gentle friction and don't wipe it away.

Sometimes sweet young things have an idea that clipping the lashes will make them grow. It won't. The shafts push forth from the flesh in tiny overlapping scales; they don't grow at the terminals. Clipping means that the delicate, fine points are removed and the growth is left stubby.

If a darkening agent is necessary, masecara will be found a satisfactory medium. Moisten the little brush that comes in the box, use it with an upward motion. Do not attempt to colour the lashes of the lower lids; only the upper ones should be treated.

An eyelash curler is a nice item to keep on your dresser. But when using it be sure not to pinch the lids.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Everyone Has to Take a Bath

—But a Dog Can't See the Sense of It—

By MAX TRELL

"I DON'T see why," Pooh-Pooh the white poodle was saying; "I don't see why I have to take a bath!"

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, both looked at Pooh-Pooh in surprise.

"Everyone takes a bath," said Hanid.

"Do children take a bath?" asked Pooh-Pooh.

"Certainly!" said Knarf.

"And so do the robins, the swallows, the sparrows, and the ducks," said Hanid. "In fact," Hanid added, "the ducks are always taking a bath—nine or ten times a day."

"I'm glad I'm not a duck," said Pooh-Pooh. He suddenly cocked his ears and listened. A startled expression came over his face. "I hear the children coming for me now! I know they're going to try to give me a bath. I won't take one!"

Ball of Wool

With that Pooh-Pooh bounded off, like a ball of wool, and crawled under the back steps of the house. Knarf and Hanid crawled in after him.

"Now don't be a foolish poodle," said Knarf. "Just think how clean and white and beautiful you'll look after you've had a bath."

"I don't care to look clean and white and beautiful," said Pooh-Pooh. "I like looking just the way I am. Besides, baths don't last very long. No matter how clean and white and beautiful they make you one day, you're all spotted and dirty again the next."

"That's because you jump in rain puddles," said Hanid.

"Rain puddles are fun," said Pooh-Pooh. "And there's no soap suds in them to make your eyes smart. Why can't I take my baths in a rain puddle?"

But Knarf and Hanid said that wasn't allowed. Baths had to be taken in clean water. It wasn't any use taking a bath if you came out



Pooh-Pooh crawled under the steps.

looking muddier than you were when you went in.

"Cows don't take baths," said Pooh-Pooh.

"On yes they do," said Knarf.

"They stand in the rain. And so do all the flowers."

"Cats don't," said Pooh-Pooh.

"They hate getting into water. I once told a cat to take a bath and she scratched me across the nose."

Hanid said: "Cats don't take baths, but they're always washing themselves. If you could wash yourself, Pooh-Pooh, like a cat, you'd never have to take a bath either."

Matter Settled

That settled the whole matter. Pooh-Pooh said he'd rather take a bath every day like a real dog than ever wash himself like a cat. So he crawled out from under the steps and let the children catch him, and stand him in a tub and rub soap all over him (and get some of it in his eyes), because even so, it was more than any cat would take.

Pooh-Pooh didn't like baths, but he liked cats even less.

And when the bath was over, Pooh-Pooh looked so clean and white and beautiful that when he went bounding across the garden he looked so much like a ball of wool that two robins and a magpie tried to catch him and use him to line their nests.

KITCHENETTE

PLAIN CAKE

Here is a recipe for a plain cake which is good. The cake also is quick and easy to mix.

2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup butter or shortening
2 eggs
3/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour, sugar and salt together three times, the last time into a large mixing bowl. Remove about a quarter of a cup of this mixture and sift with baking powder. Add the remaining ingredients to the large bowl and beat for two minutes with rotary egg beater. Add baking powder mixture and beat two more minutes. Pour into a greased 8-inch layer cake pan and bake at 350 degrees (a moderate oven). After cooling, it may be iced to suit your taste.

TEENER TIP

Almost all hobbies lend themselves attractively to bedroom decoration. Your room should express your personality. Therefore, by all means, have a place for hobby work on shelves, cases or wall decorations. Make it something you'll be proud of and use your imagination and ingenuity.

MIX-UPS

Rearrange this strange sentence following to learn something about our subject:
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ANSWER

He studied electricity for many years.

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—43



Rupert is thrilled to think that his search for sunshine to help Dr. Lion is going to succeed, and he watches while the Wise Old Goat selects six bottles of liquid sunshine and puts them on a tray. "They're not very hot," he says, "but you'd better not put them in your pocket." "They're lovely," smiles Rupert. "How shall I get them home?" "While they have been talking William has been away and he now returns to them carrying a strong string bag."

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RED RYDER

Signal Received

By Fred Harman



AN SOB SMOKE SIGNAL, RED? I DON'T GET IT!

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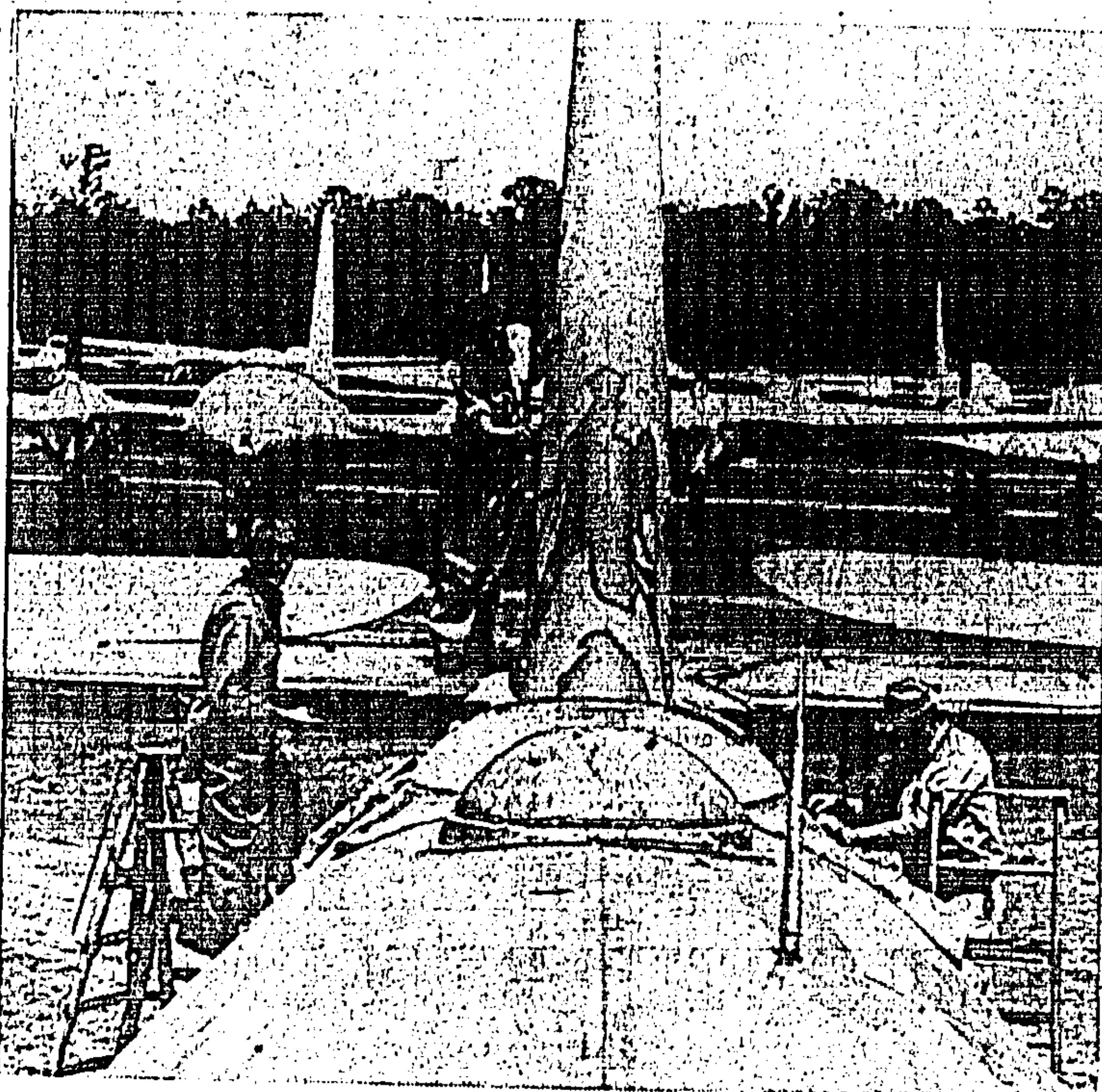
LITTLE BEAVER HEARD THE STORY AND HE'S PROBABLY A PRISONER AT DONNA RINGO'S PLACE!

SO THAT INDIAN KID THINKS HE CAN HOLD OUT ON DONNA RINGO? HE'LL TELL ME WHERE HE HID THAT GOLD—OR I'LL KNOW WHY!

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



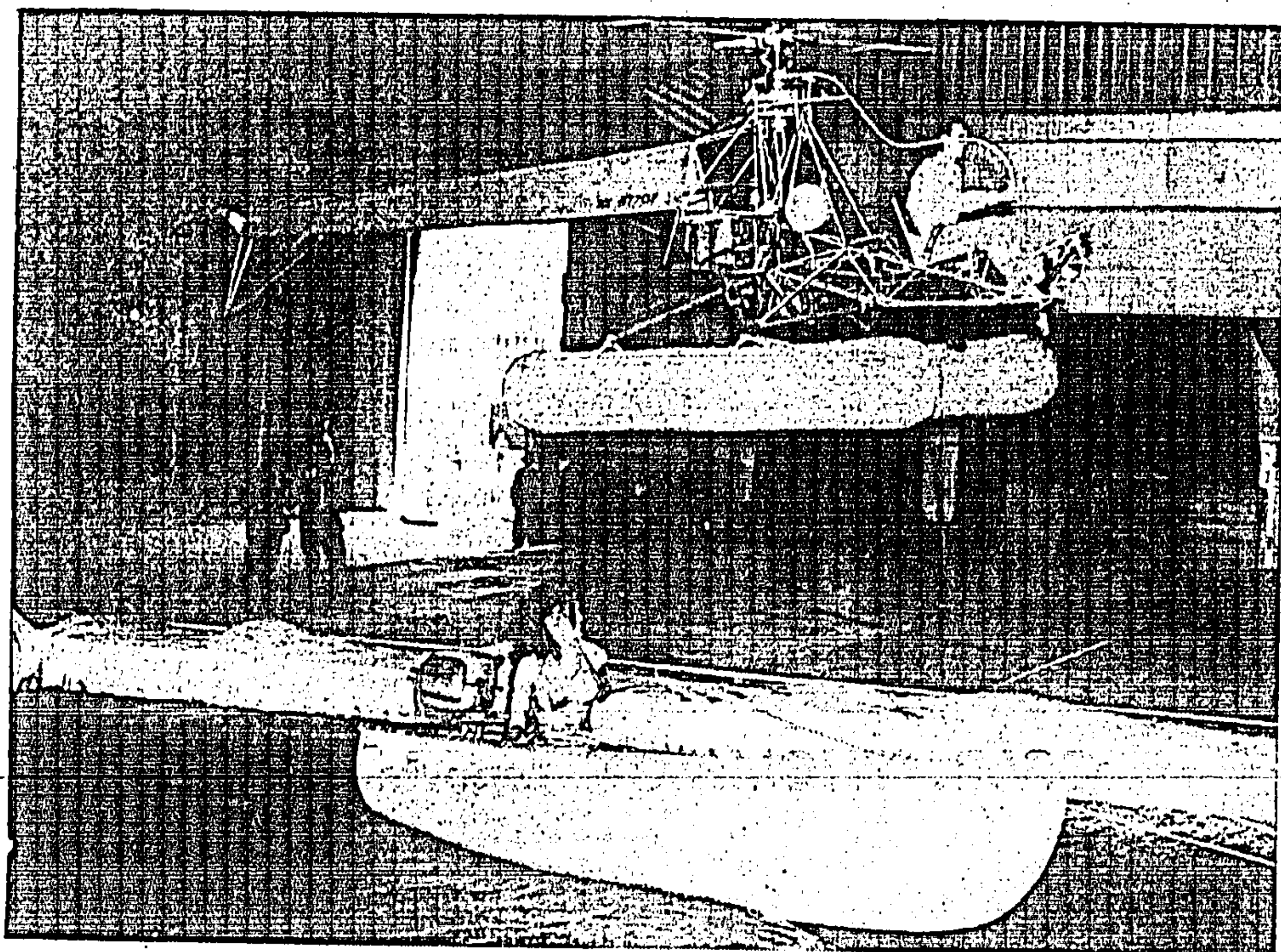
SEEING NEW YORK—Martine Carroll, French actress who recently arrived in the United States, visits a New York night club with circus official John Ringling North. He and the blonde Parisienne are reportedly engaged.



SUPERFORTS IN THEIR COCOONS—In 1946 the U.S. Air Force was busily engaged in finding a method of storing B-29 Superforts so they would not deteriorate. An experiment was made by covering them with vinylite plastic. Here the original model is being de-cocooned and the aircraft will be put into flying condition to study the "bugs" that might have developed.



ILLEGAL GOODS—A surprise raid recently on the small Korean community in Kamata, Japan, near Tokyo, yielded a large haul of illegal sake, rice and tyres. Approximately 100 uniformed and plain-clothes policemen rounded up 14 men and women who were illegally making unrefined sake. Ten trucks were needed to haul the confiscated goods away.



INSIDE JOB—Here's a new wrinkle for the great outdoors—displayed indoors—at San Francisco's Sports, Travel and Boat Show. While Jerry Kinney fishes old style from a boat in the casting tank, above her hovers the fisherman of tomorrow. Pilot Jay Demming manoeuvres his helicopter over the water to play out his line, then will fly to the water to net his catch.



ON GUARD—A Circassian guard, wearing a uniform reminiscent of those of the Russian Cossacks, seen on duty outside the palace of King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan. The palace is on a hill overlooking Amman.



SAY SOMETHING—Model Christine Germano looks straight into the eye of the macaw perched on her shoulder. Picture was made on a visit to the Parrot Jungle, a hangout for local macaws in Miami. The birds are well trained and are quite friendly.

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DOG TO DOG—The main feature of the 1948 Los Angeles Kennel Club's All-Breed Dog Show was the "Dog to Dog" presentation of the cups. The trained French Poodle, Scheherazade, right, trotted to the various winners with the cup in his mouth. At left, Pedro waits anxiously for his award.

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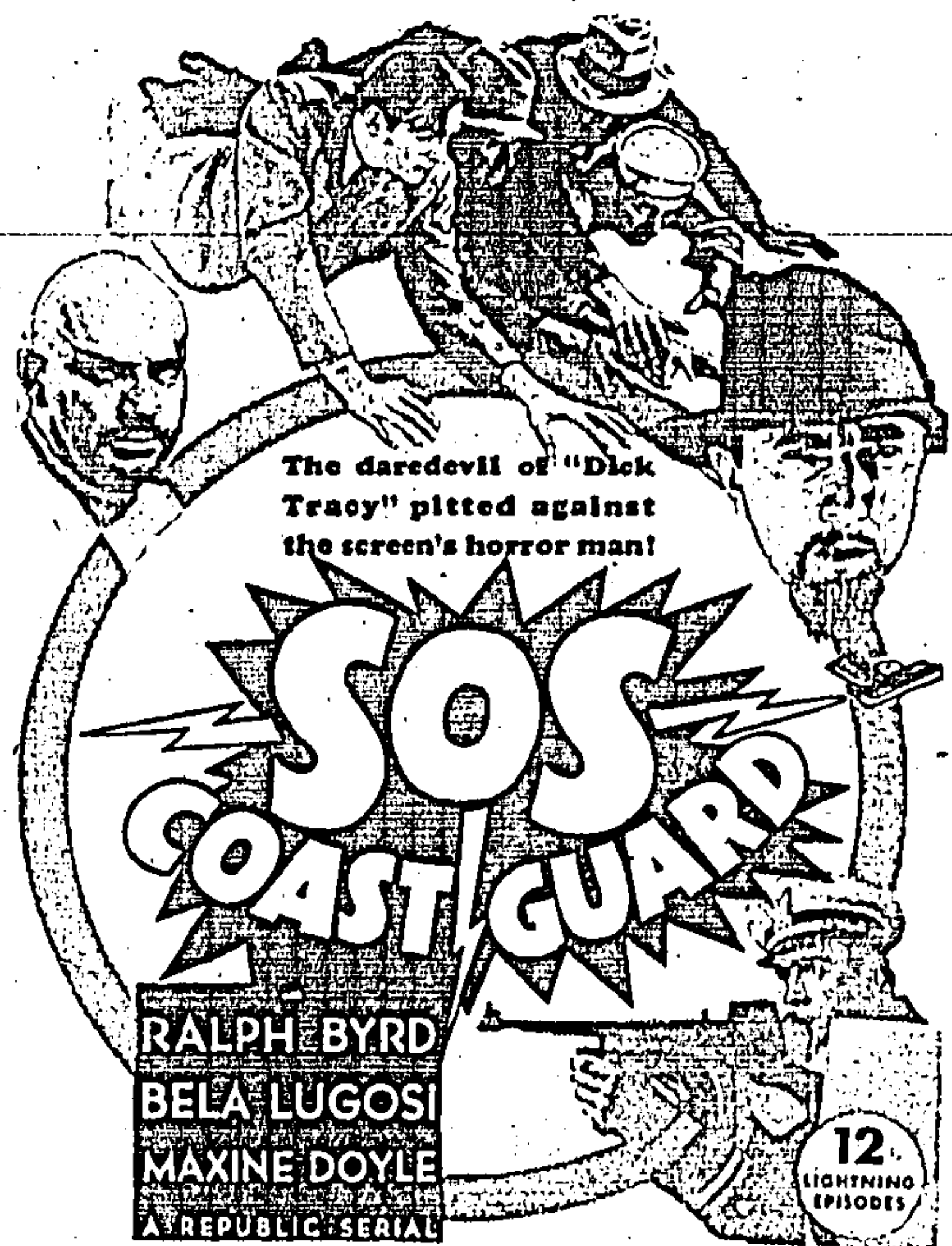
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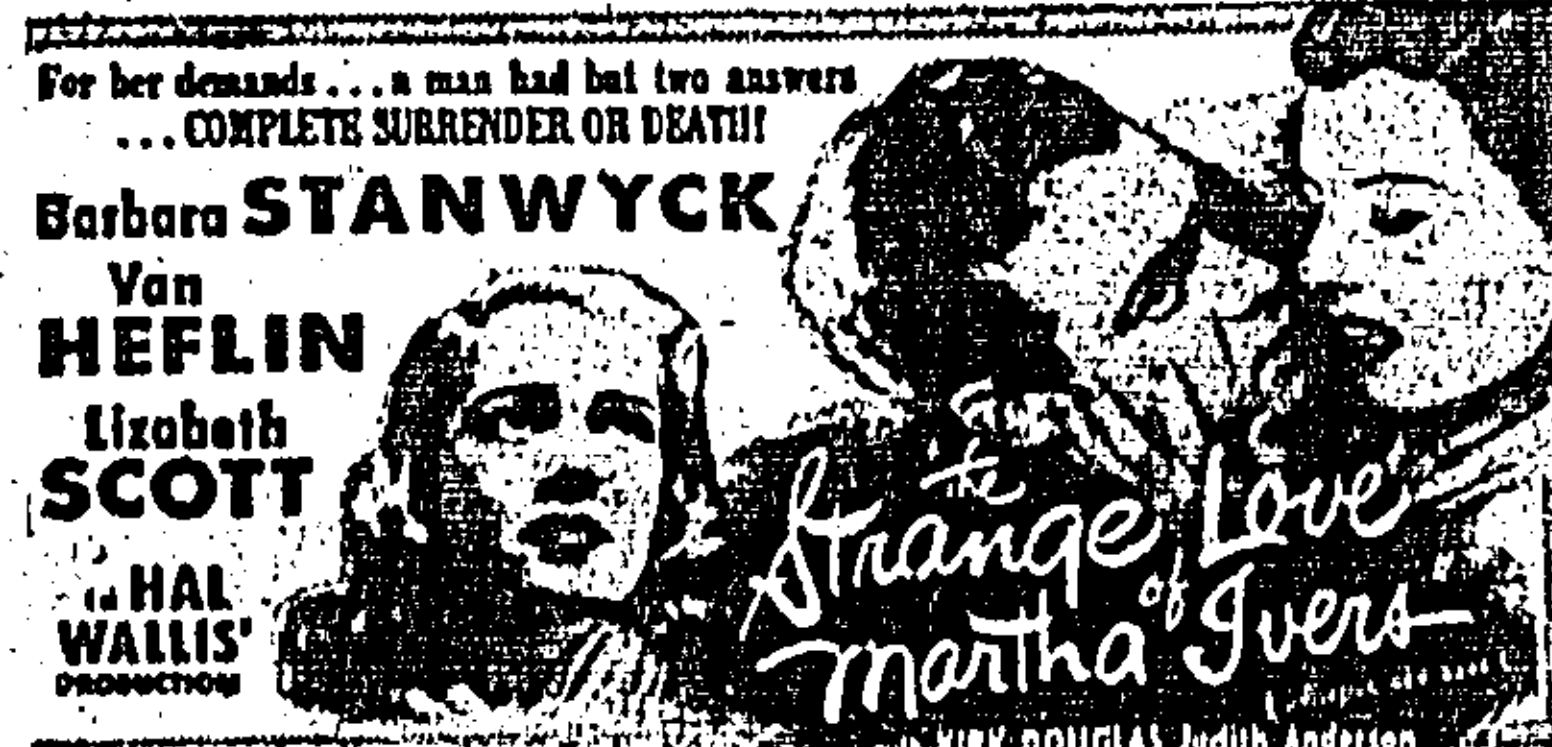
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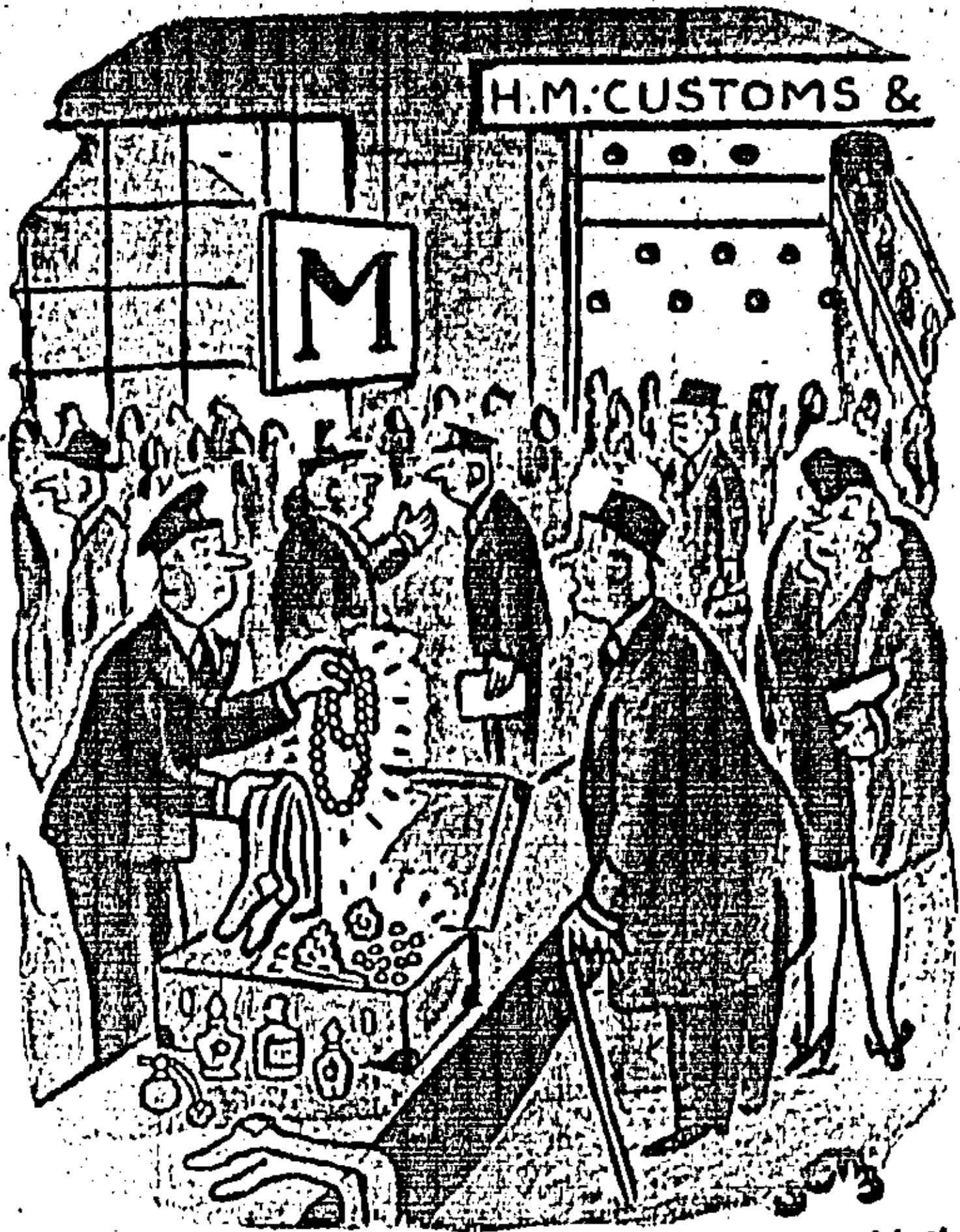


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LI TSUNG-JEN DEMANDS GOVERNMENT REFORM

By A REUTER CORRESPONDENT

General Li Tsung-jen, the Kwangsi military leader who rode to success in the recent bitterly-contested Vice-presidential election on a platform emphasising political reforms and measures to speed up the end of the civil war, has become the new hope of China's war-weary millions for early peace.

Observers aver that if he is able to translate into action even only part of the programme which he placed before the nation during his election campaign, China should be well on the way to overcoming many of her present ills.

It is realised that he is only the Vice-President, and that as such he has clearly defined duties. Nevertheless, well-informed circles believe that his entire platform stands a good chance of being implemented if he can gain the full support of President Chiang Kai-shek, who was clothed with dictatorial powers by the recent National Assembly.

General Li himself is said to be fully aware of the tremendous force—public opinion—working in his favour, and is continuing to reiterate his demand for reforms.

"This is no time for us to conceal our disease and avoid the doctor," he said. "We must attack the disease whenever and wherever it is found with the strongest dose of medicine. The disease in our Government is corruption—and bureaucracy—and what we need as medicine is thorough-going reform."

FACTOR IN SUCCESS

"THE Communists are inferior to us both in equipment and strategy," he added. "We have nothing to fear but our own weaknesses. Our victory in the anti-Communist campaign will be assured if our weaknesses are remedied."

General Li is known to hold the view that if the reforms he advocates are effected, they should automatically terminate corruption and correct present administrative deficiencies. This would, in turn, pave the way for international support in the fight against Communism and for the country's reconstruction.

The new Constitution, he recently told reporters, is a splendid charter, but in initiating its enforcement the human element is a factor in its success.

"That also is the key to the problem of political reform," he said.

General Li has expressed confidence that President Chiang has both the ability and support to make the necessary political changes, and has pledged to do everything within his power to assist the Chief Executive in this connection.

In addition to political reforms and measures to hasten the end of civil strife—around the conference table or on the battlefield—General Li's programme also calls for freedom of the press and steps to ease the difficulties and sufferings of China's farm population.

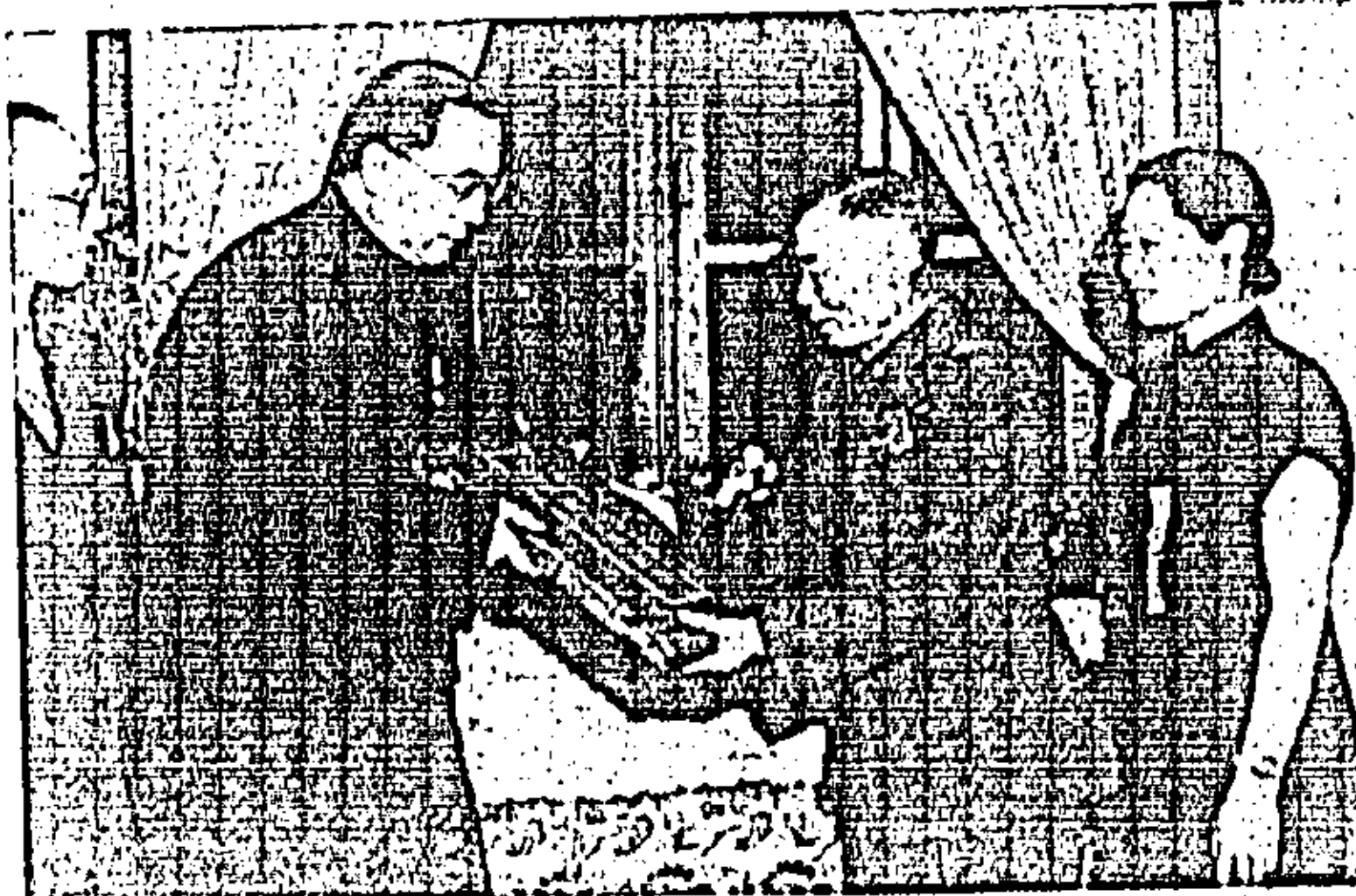
Hailing himself from a farmer family, he has never forgotten the hardships of China's hard-working but personally poor peasants, and has never ceased striving to better their lot since he became a power in the country.

General Li's success at the Vice-presidential election has been compared to his military achievement in the Battle of Tientsin during the early part of the Sino-Japanese war. Early in 1938, when Japan's military machine crashed through southern

which easily wins friends and loyalty from his men and to the help of Madame Li, who understands him and his work.

General Li, although coming from China's southwest, is very popular in the north, where he has been the Director of the President's Headquarters.

He has many close friends among cultural and educational circles, including Dr Hu Shi, China's eminent scholar-diplomat.



Vice-President Li Tsung-jen (in uniform) receives credentials of office from Archbishop Paul Yip, acting on behalf of the President of the National Assembly. Mrs Li looks on. (Photo: CGIO-Frank Lin).

Shantung after the fall of Nanking, General Li, as Commander-in-Chief of the Fifth War Area, routed two crack Japanese divisions to chalk up China's first major success of the war after a year of almost uninterrupted reverses.

That victory, which acted as a "shot in the arm" to the nation, earned General Li the nickname of "Chiang Kai-shek's China's legendary giant whose presence scared away all ghosts and devils."

General Li's popularity dates back to his administration of Kwangsi Province. In 1928, China was loosely united under one flag. Together with General Pai Chung-hsi, his lifelong friend and associate, and now Minister of National Defence, General Li devoted himself to the modernisation of the province. He introduced local autonomy, enforced a system of elementary education, built miles of highways, and organised the people into militia groups.

MODEL PROVINCE

In less than three years, Kwangsi became generally known as the "model" province, and when the time came to contribute to the war effort against the Japanese invaders in 1937 the province sent thousands of well-trained troops to defend the country.

Born in Kwangsi in 1890, General Li, although a seasoned warrior, looks scholarly and polished. Of medium height, he always appears well dressed in his uniform, and despite his 57 years he still radiates energy and youth and has a warm smile for the people he meets.

Many of General Li's friends attribute his success to his affability,

My Reply To The Stern Gang

By Captain Roy Farran, D.S.O., M.C.

I INTENTIONALLY delayed writing this reply until my mind had time to recover from the blind fury, the bitter hatred, and the extreme misery into which you had plunged it.

I believe that you murdered my brother, Rex, in mistake for me, although I know that you would not have grieved unduly if the haphazard method of your crime had caused the death of somebody totally unconnected with Palestine.

You say that your campaign of assassination is against the British Occupation of Palestine, although you have heard it repeatedly declared that British troops will be withdrawn on May 15 or at latest by August:

Did my brother's death really advance your cause by so much as an inch?

I must tell you about my brother so that you may gloat over the enormity of your crime.

He was a very kind, gentle, good-natured young man who never expected to reach the headlines.

The children in the Staffordshire village in which he lived knew him as "the man with the smile." And he still smiled even after you had blown his stomach away.

You see, Rex did not fight against the persecutors of Jewry during the war. He just helped to design airplanes.

And he laughed. He laughed because he thought it ironic that he should have stopped a bomb on my behalf.

Most people would have died immediately after such a grievous wound as his—three arteries severed, and no stomach or hands—but Rex lived for two hours and spoke completely coherently until he finally went to sleep.

I am sure he was happy when he died in spite of his pain.

AMONG other things he said to my brother: "I want to revenge. Nothing like that. And that goes for Roy too."

Can you understand the mentality of a person like that? You, with your twisted brains, your warped, scheming, anarchy, your murderous destructiveness, and your jungle laws. Can you understand the reasoning of a Christian?

I have often read that your intention in Palestine is to bring civilisation to the uncultured Arab.

If the chronicle of murder since the death of Lord Moyne is your way, you must be a band of maniacs. Pioneers usually begin by building, not by destroying.

Perhaps you read the Daily Worker review of my book in which it was stated that I was a reactionary and a Fascist. Perhaps that article gave more fuel to your flames.

Let me remind you that the mills of God grind slow, but exceeding small.

There will be no revenge, but one day you will be judged by a

son who has seen it all. His vision will not be distorted by your blind fanaticism.

Perhaps He will show you the face of my mother when He calls you to account. A dear, grief-stricken face, trying hard to be brave.

Or perhaps He will show you a picture of my mother stroking Rex's brow in hospital as he died, softly crooning "The Kerry Dancers."

Rex is smiling through his pit-marks, and tears are trickling down her face as she sings.

And then, looking at the balance-sheet, He will say, "And what did you gain by it all?"

AND now I must refer to Alexander Rutwicz, the member of your gang who has never returned. I can only say how sorry I am for his mother if he has indeed disappeared.

I am also terribly sorry for the relatives of the five soldiers who were murdered in Haifa before my surrender.

What misery has been attached to my name. What suffering has been caused since I first became connected with Palestine!

There will be no revenge, for "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" is your creed, not ours. But please do not twist this in your cankered minds to the belief that we are frightened.

"Am I brave enough for a Farran?" my brother said. No, we are not afraid, and we still believe that your cause—if you have a cause—must be the cause of evil.

If it was the criticism of Communists and Zionists in my book which exasperated you, I offer no apologies, but would like to assure you that I do not hate you enough to spend hours cutting out the inside of a book to blow you to pieces.

If you still want to kill me, please enjoy yourselves. It may employ hands which might otherwise be killing others, more innocent, but it will not further your cause by one iota.

And please tell your commander that it was not a very clever trick for an ex-schoolmaster.

He might at least have gone to the trouble to find out my proper address.

Or perhaps he wanted it to happen this way. A delightful touch, doctor. Much better to crucify the brother? And to post the parcel on May Day was almost too perfect.

AGAIN I warn you, followers of Abraham Stern, that there will be a day of reckoning.

"For that which hath been is that which shall be; that which hath been done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun."

Mary, Our Blessed Lady, will understand how my mother feels, and she will not forget.

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C.V.R. THOMPSON reports the U.S. Scene

NEW YORK.

FOR the first time in many months there is suddenly more peace talk in America than war talk.

People are becoming preoccupied with their own elections instead of with some European nations.

And now the reason they scramble over each other for a new car is not because they think car factories will soon be making tanks, but because of the call of the road.

Shipping lines to the Mediterranean, panicky because of cancellations a few weeks back, report they have enough American bookings to fill their ships all October. All of which are definite signs that the dangerous mood of recent months is dissipating fast.

FRIENDS of President Truman report that his mood has changed, too. He has suddenly become convinced that peace can be maintained. And he is just as strongly convinced that he is the man to help maintain it.

According to intimates, this has caused an important change in him. He is no longer fretful and resentful that everyone is against him. Today he is a man with a mission. I must stay and see this through. So he will step aside for no one and will fight stubbornly to the end to get back into the large White House he once thought he hated.

But his new determination did not stop his top brain-truster, Young Gael Sullivan, whose dissatisfaction with his boss's course was an open secret, resigned to take a \$12,500-a-year job with a chain of cinemas.

ACCUSTOMED to thinking of food in world-wide dimensions, Sir John Boyd-Corr, retiring head of the World Food Council, thought of food for himself and his friends. He brought aboard the ship for Britain two boxes of food containing fruit juices, pineapples, boned turkey, devilled ham and bacon.

WALL-STREET'S month-old strike has ended, but when the Exchange workers trooped back to work a hundred of them found no jobs. The brokers, who did their work during the strike, had introduced more efficient methods which made their employment unnecessary.

COLUMBIAN Walter Winchell, recounting his wisecracks about Britain's poverty, expressed surprise that millionaire Bob Topping was taking his bride, Lana Turner, to London for their honeymoon. Said Winchell: "With his dough you'd think he'd have London come to him."

THE Prohibitionists have given up their shadow-play campaign for a return of Prohibition and have come out in the open. Demanded the Methodist's Bishop Oxnham: "As soon as possible, beverage alcohol should be out-lawed."

AMERICA'S No. 1 question, what to do about Communists, will reach its climax soon.

First, all would-be Presidents will contribute answers.

For example, New York's Governor, Tom Dewey, is making a big speech about the question.

His line—keep the Communists in the open. And then anyone as adept as he is at catching gangsters will deal with them.

Congress is to speak, too. There is a four-to-one majority, Washington says, for the Bill to curb Communism, which will be debated.

Called by Congressman Parnell Thomas, chair, the witchhunter, "a body blow at the American cadre" of Communism, the Bill requires Communists to register with the Attorney-General's office; denies them passports; and makes it unlawful for anyone to join an unregistered Communist organization.

Supporters of the Bill— "We are willing to permit the theories of Communism and democracy to clash in the open marketplace of political ideas."

"But we insist that Communism must not be allowed secrecy, fraud, and the help of a foreign Communist dictatorship."

POLITICS: Senator Robert Taft, Republican (Tory) candidate for President, has hired a "ghost" writer to turn out his speeches. He is Walter Trohan, Washington correspondent of the Britain-baiting isolationist Chicago Tribune.

NANCY

The Feeling Is Mutual



By Ernie Bushmiller

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Eight Rent Summonses Dismissed

Complainants Fail To Appear

Eight summonses against a young woman, Ho Mi-mi, of 3 Hankow Road, third floor, for overcharging rent and failing to issue rent receipts and notices, were dismissed by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning upon the application of Mr. C. A. S. Russ for Ho.

The three complainants and Mr. M. A. da Silva (for complainant Chan Mee-chun) being absent, Mr. Russ said his instructions were to ask for a dismissal as hearing had been adjourned five or six times and each time, his client, who had to obtain leave, had appeared with no result. Ho was thoroughly disgruntled about the whole proceedings, he added.

Mr. Russ said all the summonses were taken out in respect of a woman's quarrel and there had been hearings before a tenancy tribunal. It was all part of a campaign against Ho.

Mr. Silva's clerk informed the Magistrate that the solicitor was busy elsewhere and asked for another date to be fixed.

Mr. Russ replied that for himself, he was quite willing to accommodate a brother professional but his definite instructions from Ho were to apply for the summonses to be dismissed.

Doctor Speaks On Behalf Of Defendant

Dr. D. W. C. Gawne gave evidence in favour of the accused at the Central this morning, when Cheung Ki, a car cleaner was charged with driving, witness's car without his permission, and driving without a licence.

On the morning of May 20 defendant was seen driving car No. 1319 from the Statue square opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to the Hongkong Club in Connaught Road. He was followed, but he escaped, leaving behind a pink cap and a badge with Cheung Ki, watchman No. 8 inscribed thereon. Defendant later reported to the police that his cap had been stolen and was arrested.

Dr. Gawne stated that on the morning in question he was in a hurry and parked his car in the wrong place. He said that he felt defendant was trying to save him by parking his car somewhere else. The key was returned to him and he was told where the car was parked. Defendant denied driving the car, the first charge, and fined \$50, but was acquitted on the second as he had a learner's licence.

Impersonated A Policeman

Hui Wing Kai was charged before Mr. Hui Shing-to at Central this morning with unlawfully impersonating a police officer and demanding money with menaces.

Defendant was stated to have seen Siu Wah, the complainant, hawking cigarettes without a licence on May 15 at Morrison Road, and, pursued to be a police officer, threatened to take him to the I & E Dept. On the way he suggested that if given ten money he might be induced to drop the charge.

He was given \$5, but as he walked away complainant noticed that he had on a very dirty pair of trousers, and his suspicions were aroused. Defendant was arrested when he failed to produce his identification card when asked for it.

He was sentenced to six months on the first charge and nine months on the second, and recommended for banishment.

COLONY'S NEW BREWERY

The inauguration of the San Miguel Brewery, formerly the Hongkong Brewery, was marked today with a reception at the Hongkong Hotel attended by hundreds of Hongkong's leading businessmen, and the Colonial Secretary, Hon. D. M. Macdonough, CMG.

Colonel Andrea Soriano, who has extensive business interests in the Far East and who heads the San Miguel Company, was present to welcome the guests who enthusiastically toasted the success of the new brewery.

It was revealed that first stocks of freshly bottled San Miguel beer will come on to the local and the export markets immediately.

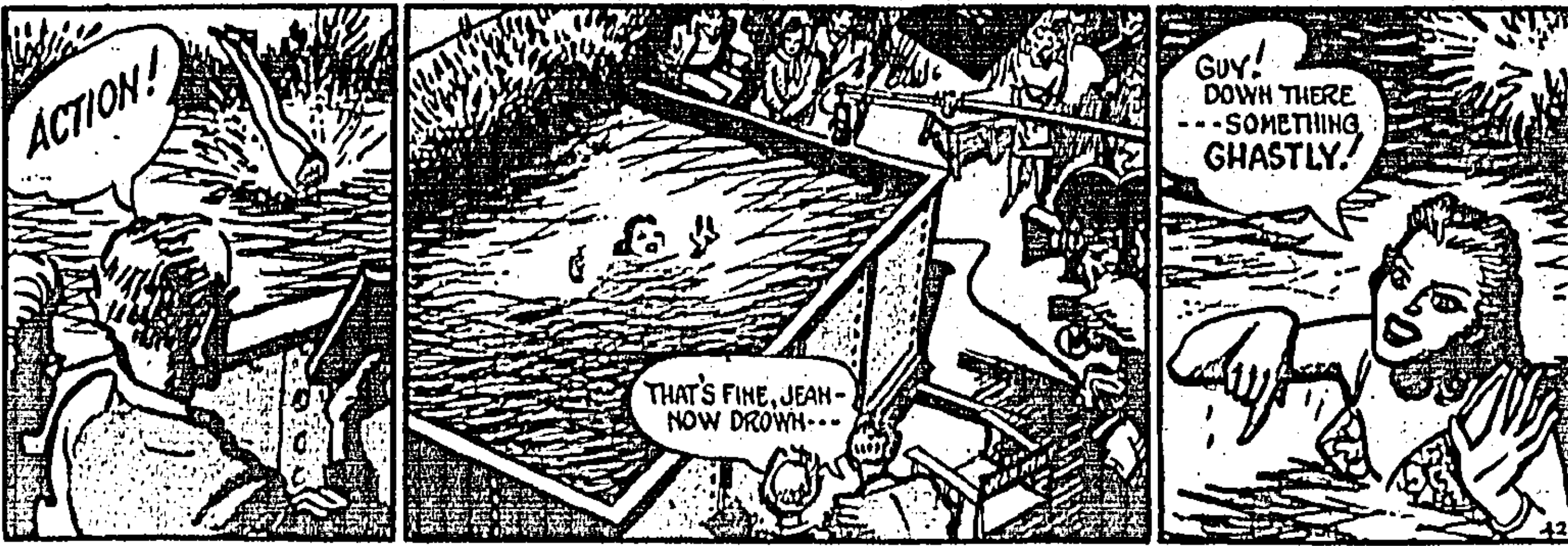
JOCKEY LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mr. H. Maitland, the well known Shanghai jockey, was yesterday discharged from the French Hospital where he has been since being thrown from his mount, Jeep Lee, in the opening race last Monday.

He suffered a gash in the left leg which necessitated six stitches, and received other abrasions on the left side of the body.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

Mystery lies deep in the murky water of the studio tank.



Customer Is Not Always Right

Here is a case that will dispell the popular conviction that a "customer is always right!"

Lam Put went with his friends to the Sheung Kai Tea House at 208, Shanghai Street yesterday to have a snack. He placed an order with the waiter. Ho Shu, for some buns. When the edibles arrived he complained they were not the type he had asked for and refused to accept them.

The waiter quarrelled with him and the two left the shop, outside the tea house. Ho Shu, the waiter, hit Lam on the head with his clog, causing an abrasion to his forehead just above the right eye. A constable arrived at the scene and took the party to the station.

Charged with assault before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Court today, Ho Shu admitted the offence, but counter-accused the customer of intending to assault him with his friends.

Ho was ordered to pay \$25 compensation to Lam and was also bound over in \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

BOISTEROUS CELEBRANTS

A sequel to yesterday's celebrations of the inauguration of President Chiang Kai-shek, was the arrest of three men who appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

Kan Kai-chit, 21, fish-dealer, was cautioned for throwing a packet of fireworks at a passer-by in Chatham Road, while a fine of \$50 or three weeks was imposed on Mok Keng-po, 22, seaman, and six strokes were given Chan Fu, 17, for throwing stones at a crowd watching the celebrations.

Asking for a serious view to be taken in the case of Mok and Chan, Sub-Inspector Howarth said they were part of a gang who stood on the railway track stoning pedestrians and vehicles passing along Peace Avenue. There was a large crowd watching a fireworks display at Macpherson ground and the missiles might have caused serious injuries.

Canton May Be DDT-Sprayed

Canton, May 21.—Canton may this summer be DDT-sprayed from the air as it was done early in 1947 when Hongkong personnel and aircraft helped to fight the serious cholera and malaria epidemic here.

The DDT solution necessary for the spraying is available, but aircraft for the task are lacking.

An official of the Public Health Bureau is quoted by the press as saying that the Municipal authorities have asked Nanjing to send a plane here for the task.

The 1947 spraying lasted for three days, with special tests each day to check the effectiveness of the experiment. If spraying is undertaken this summer, a similar procedure may be followed.—Reuter.

Six Months For Snatching Watch

Six months and 10 strokes were ordered on Lam Ki by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Court today as punishment for snatching a wrist watch from a Chinese woman in Jordan Road yesterday.

After snatching the watch, Lam attempted to escape but he was chased by a passer-by and eventually arrested by a district watchman when he tried to run up a stairway.

Union Insurance Of Canton Has Record-Breaking Year

PREMIUM INCOME EXCEEDS £4,000,000

At the Annual Meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd held at Union Building this morning the Chairman announced that the combined premium income in all departments exceeded £4,000,000, which constituted a record.

He said that the Board's decision in 1940 to move the Head Office to Australia had been justified beyond question by events.

The Hon. N. O. C. Marsh, Chairman, said:

Before I deal with the business of this meeting I would like to draw to your attention that this is a special occasion in the Society's history in that it is the first Annual General Meeting to be held in Hong-King since 1940.

It was towards the end of that year that your Board decided that the Head & Registered Offices should be moved to Australia. I do not propose to enlarge upon that decision beyond saying that it was justified beyond question by events.

Following that move our Managerial Control was operating in an entirely new environment. The fact that difficulties encountered were easily disposed of was due to the friendly co-operation and assistance always readily forthcoming from Federal and State Governmental Departments, Officials and others with whom we came into contact.

Our grateful thanks to these Official bodies and individuals have been expressed both by the Chairman of the Board in Australia last year and by me on behalf of the Society in my Statement which accompanies the Report & Accounts in your hands.

ABLE COUNSEL AND ADVICE
Our remaining duty is to record our very sincere thanks to those gentlemen who accepted the office and responsibilities of Directors while we were domiciled in Australia. To their able counsel and advice we are very greatly indebted.

We also owe much to our own Managers and Staff in Australia, whose co-operation smoothed many difficulties.

During our stay in Australia many new friendships were formed and I have no hesitation in saying that we have benefited materially therefrom.

The move back was finally completed in July last year when our Head Office has been in full operation in Hongkong, the seat of our Incorporation.

I would also like to mention that your General Manager is at present away from the Colony renewing contacts with our Managers and friends in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere to whom visits during the war years were not possible. We miss him at this meeting.

Turning now to the Accounts. The Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1947 were issued on May 12, and you will have had time to examine the figures. I propose with your agreement to follow the usual custom and take these as read.

SALIENT POINTS
Accompanying the printed Accounts is my Statement upon the Society's affairs. This reviews briefly matters having special interest to the Society and I propose now to refer to some of the salient points in the Accounts.

The combined Premium Income in all Departments exceeded £4,000,000 which constitutes a record and while the largest increase took place in the Marine section, nevertheless all Departments contributed to this high figure.

While there is little doubt that all round higher insured values were chiefly responsible for this increased income, the development of business in our reopened Far Eastern Branches and from other new sources also contributed substantially.

The Marine Account shows Premium Income of £2,309,000 as compared with £1,448,000 the previous year and while the percentage of paid Losses was also higher it must be remembered that these comprise 1947 and previous years and will therefore include such outstanding War Losses incurred prior to 1947 as have been disposed of during the year under review. Management expenses show a reduced percentage.

From this Account these comprise £1,000,000 and £200,000 have been transferred to Taxation Reserve and Profit and Loss Account respectively. In connection with the transfer to Taxation Reserve you will appreciate that it is necessary for us to maintain the provision for taxation at an adequate figure. Our business

is widely spread and wherever we make a profit we are called upon to contribute substantially to the well-being of the country in which we make it.

FIRE PREMIUM INCOME

The Fire Premium Income shows a further considerable increase over the previous year and in this Department we have every reason to consider the Underwriting Profit satisfactory.

The continued high loss ratio in the United States is a matter of concern to all Underwriters and results on the Continent of Europe have been disappointing. In addition to this, last year was notable for disasters of magnitude from which no company operating on a world-wide basis could well escape unscathed. I would remind you particularly of the Texas disaster which you will not doubt recall. This tragic happening took place in April and was the most costly to Life and Property of all the fire disasters which occurred in 1947.

Furthermore, we were affected by political factors. I refer to the disturbances in India following the setting up of the Independent dominions of India and Pakistan. All known losses arising out of the foregoing and other occurrences have been paid or fully reserved for and says much for the quality of the business that, notwithstanding this and the substantially increased Premium Reserve called for by the larger Premium Income, the Account shows an Underwriting Profit.

The Accident and General Account shows an Increased Premium Income and a particularly satisfactory result. The Underwriting Profit being over 9% which is more than double that of the preceding year.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
In the Profit & Loss Account you will observe that Interest not today £171,000 omitting amounts received in 1947 on account of previous years which are non-recurring. This shows an increase over the relative figure last year of some £17,000 and is due in large measure to dividends and interest received on assets recovered in reoccupied territories during 1946 and 1947.

On the expenditure side you will notice an item Staff Pension Fund £225,000. This represents a transfer to a fund opened in 1944 to meet pensions authorised in cases not entirely covered by the Staff Provident Fund. Prior to that date the resultant liability had been paid from current income but it was considered preferable to establish a fund from which future Pension Payments should be made. The present transfer merely replenishes the fund and does not reflect any change in policy towards the Staff.

Turning now to the Consolidated Balance Sheet which reflects the financial position of the Society and its affiliated companies, you will see that the totals now amount to £3,000,000. This represents a substantial increase over the previous year and is due not only to the natural increase following a greatly increased volume of business but also to the recovery of further Assets in reoccupied territories for which it has been possible to establish values.

SHARES CALL-IN

Before closing I will refer briefly to a matter which you will be called upon to consider and, if thought fit, implement at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held immediately following the close of this meeting, and that is the paying up of the remainder of the unpaid balance on our issued shares.

The Issued Share Capital will, if the Board's proposals are approved, appear in the next published Accounts at a figure of £1,350,000 which in our view is more in keeping with the importance of the undertaking as our issued shares. I would also like to refer once again to the work of the Staff generally throughout our organization. I have already tendered them our thanks in my statement published with the Accounts, nevertheless I know you will agree that they well deserve our thanks and I would

add that the high standard of efficiency and loyal co-operation, shown is particularly encouraging to your Board and to the Management of the Society.

GRATEFUL SHAREHOLDERS

The adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts was seconded by Mr. J. D. Danby, who said:

Having been a shareholder in the Society for a great many years I am glad to have this opportunity of welcoming its Head Office back to the Colony.

I am quite sure that no one can doubt the wisdom of its move to Australia during the war years and as an ex-internee I should be lacking in the ordinary feelings of an ordinary shareholder if I did not express on behalf of all shareholders who were internees or prisoners of war the great encouragement it was to us to know that the Society had maintained the continuity of its dividends during the whole period and consequently, in their individual cases, there was an accumulated sum waiting for them to collect.

Our Chairman has given us a picture of the year's operations, and I should like to congratulate all those concerned on the growth and progress reflected in the Accounts before us.

I do not propose to comment on the results; they have already been amply commended upon, but I would like to say that it is very gratifying to know that our reopened Far Eastern Branches are writing a substantial and increasing volume of business, particularly so as we all appreciate the unusual conditions which have to be faced in this uneasy and changing world.

CONGRATULATIONS

I think I am expressing the feelings of all shareholders when I offer my congratulations to the Board, the Management and the Staff. With regard to the proposed increase in paid up Capital which is shortly to be dealt with, I believe the policy of our Board is one which should receive the support of all shareholders.

I now have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented and that the Directors' recommendations in the Report be confirmed.

That Mr. J. F. Macgregor and Mr. M. H. Turner be re-elected Directors was proposed by Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. C. Maclean.

On the proposal of Mr. N. C. Macgregor, seconded by Mr. C. C. Bland, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Pent, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. were re-elected auditors.

Present at the meeting were: Hon. N. O. C. Marsh (Chairman), Mr. S. J. Cooke, Mr. J. F. Macgregor, Mr. M. H. Turner and Mr. R. K. Valentine (Directors), and a large number of shareholders.

SWINDLED A WOMAN

A case of "swindle from the word go" was brought before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon today and the swindler, Cheng Siu-ki, was given four months without the option of a fine for swindling on the Yaumatei Ferry Company Man To.

According to Inspector Orem, a Chinese woman was crossing the harbour from Hongkong to Sham-shi-puto yesterday. After she had comfortably settled down in the third class, Cheng Siu-ki set up a game of "red and green" on the deck just before her and induced her to try her luck. She refused at first because she said she had no money. Cheng saw the gold ring on her finger and tempted her to chance her luck with it as stake. "She did and she naturally lost," said Inspector Orem.

On arrival at Kowloon, she pointed Cheng out to a constable and had him arrested.

Fire Engine In Accident

Whilst turning from Nathan Road into Ningpo Street, opposite the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, about 1.30 p.m. today, a fire engine mounted the pavement and crashed into a wall.

One fireman bumped against the windshield as the result of the impact and suffered a cut above his right eye. No others were hurt, but the right front fender of the engine was badly buckled.

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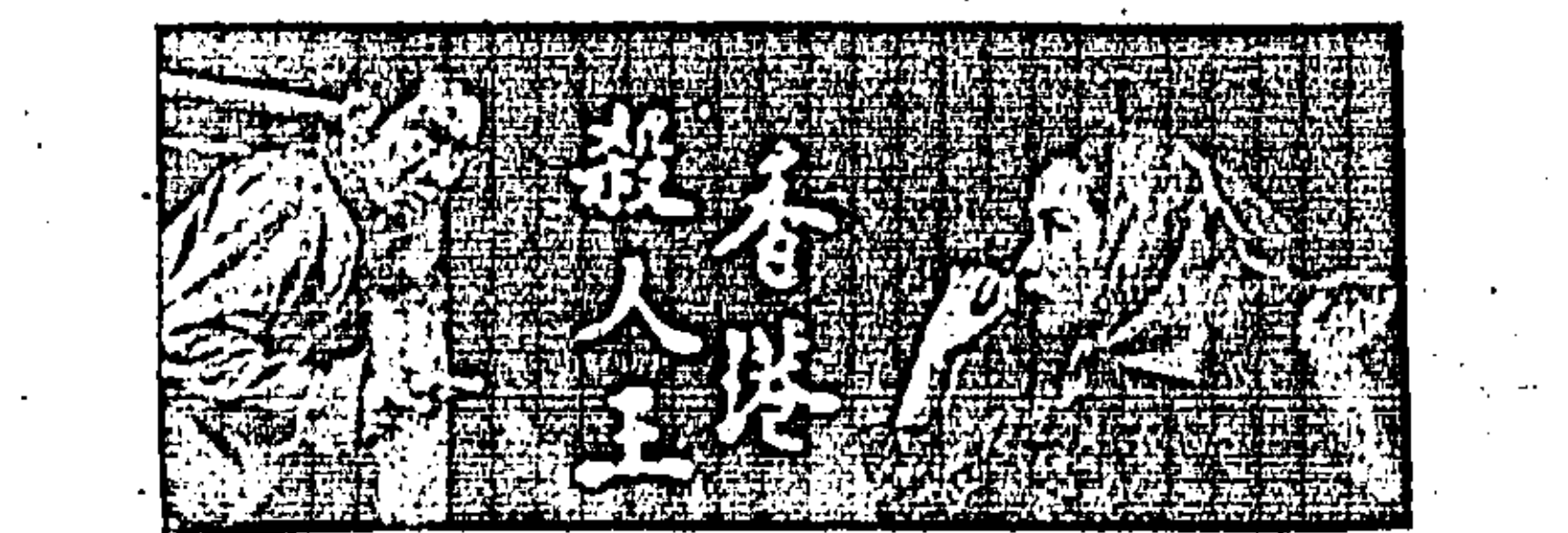
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Red Minister Censured

Helsinki, May 20.—Faced with another Cabinet crisis today, the Finnish Parliament in a late night session, passed a resolution offered by the Conservative Party for censure of the Communist Minister of Interior, Iljo Leino, 61 to 61.

Leino was criticised for allowing the extradition of 81 persons to the Soviet Union and for police treatment of arrested Finnish officers. Politicians here believed that Leino would have to resign. They said the ministers of the People's Democratic Party would have to go out with him.

The move probably would have wide repercussions in view of the approaching July election.—Associated Press.

For keeping a brothel at 17, Temple Street, first floor, Wong Chai, 55, a widow, was fined \$250 or two months by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Court today. The den was raided by Inspector Collins early this morning.

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COUNTY CRICKET

TOM GODDARD IN GREAT FORM AGAINST SUSSEX

London, May 20.—Tom Goddard, Gloucestershire's right arm spin bowler, showed last summer's devastating form against Sussex on the much discussed Bristol wicket today, taking three wickets for 24 during the day to bring his analysis for the first innings to five for 40.

It was mainly by his efforts that Gloucester gained a first innings' lead, and he had early success when Sussex went in again after dismissing Gloucester for 225.

With Norman Yardley, probable England captain, out for a duck in his first county innings of the season, and other batsmen failing, half the Yorkshire side were out for 89 in their first innings against Warwickshire. A determined stand between Watson, who made 59 not out in two and three-quarter hours, and Coxon, 24, however, paved the way for them to take first innings' lead.

After Leicestershire, fighting back against a big Surrey total, had started disastrously with Alec Bedser claiming two of their wickets for no runs in his first eight balls, they were gradually served by Tompkins, who in scoring 152 made his first century of the season. In spite of this, however, they had to follow on.

Middlesex almost forced an innings' win against Somerset, who followed on 204 behind, but the tail enders held out, in spite of the extra half hour, and Somerset finished the day 13 runs ahead with one wicket in hand.

THE SCORES

The close of play scores were: At Cambridge: Northamptonshire 383 for 9 declared (Broderick 59); Cambridge University 318 for 5 (Duggan 115, Insole 72 not out). At Manchester: Glamorgan 193 and 100 for 3 (Davies 99 not out); Lancashire 231 (Roberts 51, Ikin 97).

At Lords: Middlesex 470 for 2; Somerset 104 (Mitchell-Innes 65, Gray 4 for 27) and 207 for 0 (Hill 69, Buse 59).

At Southend: Nottinghamshire 371 and 167 for 5; Essex 201 (Avery 77, Jepson 6 for 59).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 194 and 212 for 3 (Taylor 81 not out); Yorkshire 210 (Watson 59 not out, Hollics 56 for 64).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 224 and 225 (Wilson 52); Sussex 153 (Goddard 5 for 40 and 105 for 3).

At Portsmouth: Derbyshire 443 for 0 declared and 17 for no wicket; Hampshire 312 (Dawson 110, McCorkell 73).

At Leicester: Surrey 499 for 6 declared; Leicestershire 283 (Tompkins 152 and 145 for 4 (Jackson 53 not out)).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 247 and 120 for no wicket (Whiting 65 not out); R.A.F. 272 (Roberts 59, Lumsden 71, Jenkins 7 for 84).—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TOUR

Oxford Need 192 To Save Innings Defeat

Oxford, May 20.—The Australian touring cricketers were well on the road to another victory today when at Oxford they forced the University to follow on and at the close of play Oxford still needed 192 runs to save the innings' defeat, with only six wickets to fall.

Replying to Australia's first innings of 431, Oxford were all out for 185 and had lost four second innings' wickets for 54 when stumps were drawn on the second day.

Kneighley and Kardar engaged in a partnership of 75 before Rink went on with the total at 94 and his first ball dismissed Kneighley, who lifted a drive to extra cover.

Van Ryneveld, the South African, opened shakily, but soon settled down. The Australians made Kardar

THE SCOREBOARD

Australians, 1st Innings 431.				
Reighley, c Loxton, b Rink	36			
Stone, c Harvey, b Loxton	7			
Webb, c Suggers, b Johnston	1			
Pawson, b Johnson	0			
Kardar, c Hamence, b McCool	54			
Van Ryneveld, run out	32			
Travers, c Meccool, b Toshack	0			
Whitcombe, run out	20			
Mallett, b Toshack	0			
Robinson, c Hasselt, b Toshack	3			
Davidson, not out	1			
Extras	19			
	185			

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Johnston	21	0	40	2
Loxton	5	1	14	1
Rink	18	4	39	1
Toshack	22	4	34	3
McCool	9	1	39	1
Oxford 2nd Innings 54 for 4.				
Reighley, lbw b Meccool	13			
Stone, c Johnston, b Webb	3			
Webb, c Brown, b Johnston	3			
Pawson, c Meccool, b Toshack	15			
Kardar, not out	1			
Van Ryneveld, not out	1			
Extras	3			
	54			

for 4 wickets.

—Associated Press.

dar light for his 50th run, which he obtained with a push to mid-off. He appeared to lose patience just afterwards and, jumping out to drive, lifted a catch to extra cover, making half the side out for 120. Kardar batted ten minutes short of two hours.

Apart from Van Ryneveld, run out when 32, no other batsman offered much opposition before tea when Oxford had lost eight wickets for 107.

The University's tail did not save the debacle and the side were all out for 185, which means that they followed on with arrears of 246. They were soon in trouble again against the bowling of Johnston and Meccool and lost their first three wickets for 33.

Johnston sold down a loose ball and when Pawson and Kardar were batting, there were seven holders within four yards of the bat. Both batsmen exercised great caution until Pawson turned a good length delivery into short leg's hands.

Kardar remained firm and will be there tomorrow morning when Oxford will still need 192 to save the innings' defeat.—Reuter.

London Plans To Make Streets Gay

London in July and August is to be gay with flags, bunting and floral decorations again. Nearly every borough in London is co-operating with the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games to ensure that, while tens of thousands of visitors are here from all parts of the world, London will be at its most colourful.

Flags are to fly from town halls and public buildings. Multi-coloured bunting and Olympic shields will hang from the walls. Banners will fly in the streets and big business firms will bring out their decorations.

THE STATIONS, TOO

In many boroughs, local sporting associations are arranging for flower displays.

The most important London stations will be decorated with flags and Olympic shields. Westminster Council are to be asked to spend up to £700 to decorate the City of Westminster during the Games. They will discuss matters tomorrow.

Proposals include the erection of decorated masts in Piccadilly Circus and the flying of flags from public and other buildings. Kensington Council decided to decorate the Town Hall and other public buildings, and the main thoroughfares. Co-operation of the business firms is to be sought.

THEY HAVE PROMISED

Said an Olympic Games official: "Kensington, Westminster City and many borough councils sent representatives to see us, and they have promised to put up the most colourful display in their power."

At Wembley Home Hill and Harringway, where some of the Olympic events will be held from July 25 to August 14, additional decorations will be provided by the Organising Committee.

Craigengower Team

The following are to represent Craigengower Cricket in Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday, May 22, at 4 p.m. First Division (away) against Indian Recreation Club:—

M. A. Baptista, A. A. Razack, K. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (skip); J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip); I. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, A. M. Omar and J. S. Landolt (skip).

Second Division (at home) against Hongkong Electric Recreation Club:—Francis Lee, C. W. Lam, J. N. Wong and A. J. Coelho (skip); C. E. Coelho, H. W. Randall, E. Franks and B. H. Marvin (skip); J. H. Xavier, G. Souza, A. H. Rum-John and M. J. Medina (skip). Reserves: Li Shu Wing, A. F. Ferreira and B. S. Chowla.

Sturgess Favoured

London, May 21.—With the lawn tennis season under way, British enthusiasts are speculating as to who will be the next Wimbledon champion now that Jack Kramer, the American holder, has turned professional.

It is very hard to pick the new champion with so many excellent players likely to compete, but many consider the chances of Eric Sturgess, the South African champion, to be very bright.

Sturgess has developed a new style of game and since arriving in England this season has shown he still has all the strokes, has speeded up his game a great deal and is more aggressive. He comes to the net more frequently and his volleying, which was one of his weak spots last season, has improved out of all recognition.

Sturgess has not dropped a set here this season and has certainly made light of all opposition. The British Hard Courts championship attracted a strong entry, including a number of foreign players, but Sturgess was never extended in winning three titles for the second year in succession.

Sturgess himself thinks his new style of game will be even better on grass courts than on hard, but the question is whether his speed of game will match that of the Americans Frankie Parker, Gardner Mulheir, and Budge Patty, who are likely to compete at Wimbledon.

This year Sturgess is likely to be high among the "seeded" players at Wimbledon. It was widely felt that Sturgess should have been among the "seeded" players last year, but instead he found himself opposed to Tom Brown in the first round and went out only after a great five sets fight, while Brown went on to reach the final.

If Sturgess wins at Wimbledon, he will make championship history. Last year he won the All-England plate, the consolation tournament for players eliminated in the first two rounds of the championship. The Plate and title have never been won in successive years.—Reuter.

Czechs To Play Italy At Rugby

Prague, May 20.—The Czechoslovak rugby team left by train today for Italy where they will play the Italian National team at Parma on May 23.

The 18-man team is managed by R. Olbaue, President of the Czechoslovak Rugby Federation.—Associated Press.

SERVICES BOXING

Army Comes Through ABA Finals With Two Titles

(By ARCHIE QUICK)

Although Army finished the Amateur Boxing Association annual championships at Wembley in a blaze of glory by capturing the Cruiser and Heavyweight titles through Corporal Don Scott, RCMP, and Sergeant Johnnie Gardner, Grenadier Guards, these successes did not fully compensate for the unaccountable failure of CSMI Johnnie Ryan.

King of European welters with only one defeat in Chicago against him since 1945 when he lost to the amateur Randolph Turpin, the Army, Interservices, ABA and European champion looked a certainty, but after an easy victory in the semi-final he was outpointed by Maximilian Baldwin Shacklady of Eccles, Lancashire in the final and so practically destroyed his chance of ending a wonderful career at the Olympic Games.

After he had been beaten he told me he ran into a heavy body punch in the second round and this obviously was the reason he covered up on the ropes for practically the whole of the third round and was punched at will.

He fought a completely wrong fight in mixing it with the unceremonious Lancs man instead of standing off and using his long left.

WORTHY CHAMPIONS

Scott and Gardner are worthy champions who will now win the title for the service. Scott took part in the greatest fight of the ABA Championships when he outpointed Allsop of Birkenhead in the semi-final.

It was a toe-to-toe slam for three rounds and at the end both men were so tired they could only sit in their corners with heads bent while the result was being considered.

Allsop gave Scott no rest and continuously came forward until Scott was exhausted, hitting his castiron opponent on the head and body.

I thought Scott had taken too much out of himself but he won the

THIS STARTED A FIGHT



George Vico of the Detroit Tigers is tagged out at home by Red Sox catcher Birdie Tebbetts in Boston after an attempted bunt and squeeze play by Tiger Pitcher Hal White (No. 17) in the fourth inning. Immediately after this both players started fighting and were banished from the game by Umpire Bill Summers (left).—AP Wirephoto.

BASEBALL

ST LOUIS SCORES ITS SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN

New York, May 20.—In the National League, the Cardinals, sparked by left fielder Stan Musial, who belted a homer, two doubles and a single, rolled to a 13-1 victory over Brooklyn to extend their winning streak to six straight. Cardinal catcher Del Rice drove in four runs with a pair of doubles.

With Elmer Riddle limiting the Boston Braves to four hits and the Pittsburgh Pirates pounding three Boston pitchers for 17 hits, including two doubles and a home run by left fielder Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh trounced the Boston team 13-0.

The Chicago Cubs hammered three pitchers to win 5-3 over Philadelphia. Cub rookie shortstop Roy Smalley collected his first major league homer in the second inning. The Cubs hit safely in every inning to hand Russ Meyer his fourth pitching victory.

Howie Fox limited the New York Giants to six hits in winning his first game of the year for Cincinnati, who took a 3-1 victory. Fox's fifth inning single started the Reds on a two-run rally that brought their lone victory in the three game series. The defeat left the second place Giants 2 1/2 games behind the pace setting Cardinals in League standings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

In the American League, outfielder Joe Dimaggio blasted out two home runs in a triple, a double and a single and drove in six runs to lead the New York Yankees to a 13-2 triumph over last-placed Chicago.

THE SCORES

Saint Louis	13	14	0
Brooklyn	4	0	0
(Winning pitcher Howie Pollack)			
Pittsburg	13	17	0
Boston	0	4	0
(Winning pitcher Elmer Riddle)			
Chicago	5	14	0
Philadelphia	3	11	0
(Winning pitcher Russ Meyer)			
Cincinnati	3	8	0
New York	1	6	0
(Winning pitcher Howie Felt)			
—Associated Press			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Saint Louis	13	13	1
Brooklyn	4	9	1
(Winning pitcher Howie Pollet)			
Pittsburgh	13	17	0
Boston	0	4	1
(Winning pitcher Elmer Riddle)			

Chicago 5 14 0
Philadelphia 3 11 0
Cincinnati 3 8 1
New York 1 6 1
(Winning pitcher Howie Fox)

—Associated Press.

TENNIS

Paris Tourney

Scores

Paris, May 20.—Eric Sturgess, the South African champion, defeated Narendra Nath, of India, in the first round of the men's singles of the French tennis championships today.

Sturgess won 6-4, 6-3, 6-1. J. Drobny (Czechoslovakia) passed into the second round by beating P. Lips (France) 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

Other results were: Men's singles, 2nd round: M. Sawost (Spain) beat C. Bous-sus (France) 10-8, 6-2, 5-7, 9-7; R. Van Meergeren (Holland) beat P. Zhenredo (France) 6-2, 4-6, 9-7, 6-0;

D. Desatremau (France) beat Z. Katona (Hungary) 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; G. Cucelli (Italy) beat W. Young (United States) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2;

F. Vrba (Czechoslovakia) beat J. Jemetti (France) 7-5, 6-2, 6-3.

Men's Doubles: J. Peten and P. Washer beat Dilip Bose and Nath 7-5, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-2.—Reuter.

Paris, May 20.—Budge Patty of Los Angeles, beat A. M. Borren of Holland, 6-1, 6-2 and 6-4 in the second round of the men's singles play today.—United Press.

AT BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, May 20.—E. J. Mandelbaum, Egypt, and Mrs Betty Hilton, British Internationalist, were beaten in the final of the mixed doubles of the Priory Lawn Tennis Tournament today by R. Madan of India, and Miss Jean Shertler, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Previously, Mrs Hilton had won the women's singles and the women's doubles in partnership with Miss Joan Curry, who she defeated in the singles final.—Associated Press.

COLONY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BARNETT LEADS AT THE HALF-WAY STAGE

Schure Upsets Sequeira

K. M. A. Barnett took a half-point lead at the half-way stage of the Colony Open Chess Championship final when the fifth round of the tournament started at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

Barnett drew with Ray Danenberg after 48 moves of a Reti-Zukertort Opening that saw Danenberg a pawn down at one stage.

The upset of the evening came after an hour's play when F. X. Sequeira came across Schure at his devastating best in a Centre Gambit.

Schure kept the tempo throughout the 23 moves of this game and opened up an attack against a castled position with a sacrifice of a bishop for pawn, forcing Sequeira's resignation in a hopeless position.

The third game, between J. P. de Carvalho and P. K. Prokopov was adjourned after 31 moves with the latter in a slightly better position.

Carvalho was struggling with a doleful pawn against an Alekhine Defence, but the situation was not dissimilar to that which had prevailed in the Barnett-Danenberg game. The latter had also to defend two doubled and isolated pawns but pulled through to a draw.

Should Carvalho beat Prokopov, he will be level with Barnett at the top of the table with three other players a half-point behind in what has developed into the closest tournament for the Colony Chess championship in local chess history.

Standings after five rounds, with one game to be completed, are:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
K. M. A. Barnett	5	2	2	1	3
F. X. Sequeira	5	2	1	2 1/2	
L. Schure	5	2	1	2 1/2	
Ray Danenberg	5	1	3	1 1/2	
J. P. de Carvalho	4	1	2	1 1/2	
P. K. Prokopov	4	1	2	1 1/2	

The Danenberg-Barnett game was one of the best of the tournament. Here is the game score:

Ray Danenberg (White)		K.M.A. Barnett (Black)	
1.	P-KB3	1.	N-KB3
2.	P-QB4	2.	P-K3
3.	P-Q4	3.	P-Q4
4.	P-K3	4.	P-QB3
5.	N-QB3	5.	QN-Q2
6.	B-Q2	6.	B-Q3
7.	P-K4	7.	P-KP
8.	N-P	8.	N-N
9.	Q-N	9.	N-B3
10.	Q-B2	10.	P-B4
11.	B-K3	11.	P-KP
12.	B-P	12.	B-N5ch
13.	B-B3	13.	BxPch
14.	PxP	14.	P-B2
15.	B-Q3	15.	P-KN3
16.	Castles	16.	P-K2
17.	N-Q4	17.	Castles
18.	P-KB3	18.	KR-B1
19.	P-QR4	19.	Q-B4
20.	K-R1	20.	R-Q1
21.	QR-Q1	21.	QR-B1
22.	R-Q2	22.	P-KN3
23.	KR-Q1	23.	R-K1
24.	R-K2	24.	N-R4
25.	Q-Q2	25.	P-K4
26.	N-N3	26.	Q-B2
27.	B-K4	27.	D-R3
28.	R-K3	28.	BxP
29.	Q-N2	29.	R(K1)-Q1
30.	R(Q1)-K1	30.	N-B5
31.	N-B1	31.	Q-Q3
32.	P-N3	32.	N-R6
33.	Q-N2	33.	N-N4
34.	B-Q3	34.	BxR
35.	NxB	35.	Q-Q2
36.	Q-N3	36.	Q-R6ch
37.	K-N1	37.	Q-B4
38.	NxP	38.	R-Q7
39.	P-B4	39.	Q-B7
40.	Q-Q3	40.	N-R6ch
41.	K-B1	41.	R-N6
42.	R(K1)-K2	42.	RxR
43.	KxR		

Draw agreed.

GOLF

British Amateur Entries

London, May 21.—Entries for the British Amateur Golf championship at Sandwich from May 24 to 29 number 170.

Seven Americans are to take part, including Willie Turnesa, holder, Dick Chapman, runner up last year, and Frank Stranahan.

J. B. Carr and Cecil Ewing head the Irish challenge, but James Bruen, winner in 1940, has not entered.

In view of the petrol restrictions, the number of entries is considered satisfactory.—Reuter.

RAF GLIDING IN GERMANY

R.A.F. gliding clubs in Germany now have a total membership of over 600. There are nine clubs which are entirely self-supporting and depend on membership fees.

These are graduated according to rank—30s a month for officers, 17s 6d. for senior NCOs and 7s 6d for Corporals and other ranks.

There is an initial entrance fee of 10s for all ranks, and a launching fee of 1s per flight to cover the running costs of launching winches and vehicles.

Membership is open to all the services and there are no restrictions as to rank or trade.

The clubs are affiliated to the Association of B.A.F.O. Gliding Clubs, under the Presidency of Air Marshal Sir Arthur Sanders, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

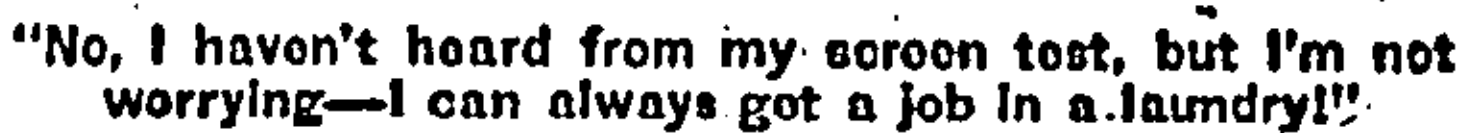
Scharfholder, a typical club, has 17 gliders, ranging from primary trainers to a Wehne advanced sail-plane.

Since this club opened two years ago it has trained about 150 pilots. Last year its members flew 1,119 hours.

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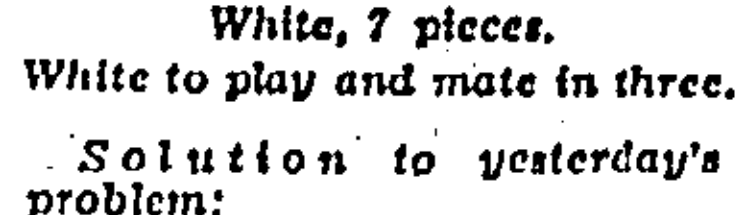
FRIDAY, MAY 21



By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

This hand also produces a very interesting cross-ruff.

(Answers on Column 5)



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9. Showing care at speed. (5)
10. Three quarters of a dose. (3)
11. A rose to grow a willow. (5)
12. A part two forward movement. (5)
13. What you have a right to. (3)
14. Found in all real lyrics. (4)

By **PAUL F. ELLIS**

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Threat To British And U.S. Airfields

SOVIET HINT OF ACTION

May Close Berlin Airdromes

Berlin, May 20.—The Russians hinted for the second time today that they were considering closing the British and American airfields in Berlin and forcing the Western Allies to handle all air traffic between Berlin and the west from Russian operated airports.

The Soviet licensed ADN news agency reported that officials of the Russian Schoenefeld air field have decided that all western air traffic can be handled from their field situated south of Berlin's city boundaries inside the Russian zone.

Schoenefeld is equipped with all up-to-date means required for landing 60 to 70 planes daily, the ADN reported. The exclusive use of this airfield "would even increase air traffic security," the report said.

PRESS CLAMOUR

Russian sponsored press in Berlin has long been clamouring for the closure of the British and American airports as a threat to air safety.

Yesterday the Berliner Zeitung reported that the Soviet Air Director, Major General Georgi Alexandrov is considering "strictly dividing" the Allied air traffic between Berlin and the west into military and civil traffic.

On this basis the military traffic must be decreased and handled only from the Russian Dalgow airport. Civil airlines would be confined exclusively to Adlershof and Schoenefeld airfields.

U.S. BAN PETITION

The American Military Government today prohibited the circulation in their Berlin sector of a Soviet-inspired petition urging a united Germany.

The action marked the first attempt of the American or British Military Government to head off a petition in Western Germany. The Russian-sponsored Volkskongress hoped to collect signatures throughout Germany in the next two weeks.

Some 30,000 people attended the petition's kick-off ceremony today in Potsdam in the Russian Zone. The Communist Unity Party planned to circulate petitions through Germany's four zones, preceded by a heavy propaganda campaign.

The American ban on petitions said, "The circulating of petitions in connection with the Volkskongress and all other activities of the Congress have been forbidden in the United States sector of Berlin."

PROTECTION PROMISED

"German citizens in the United States sector will be protected against molestation and intimidation by persons seeking signatures in the name of the Volkskongress."

The announcement reiterated its opinion of the petition. "Of course Berliners favour a united Germany. The Military Government at all levels has struggled for three long years to bring about a united Berlin and united Germany."

"However, neither the United States Military Government nor the majority of Germans want a Germany at the price of accepting the slavery of one-party rule and economic slavery to a foreign power," United Press.

Currency Reform In Germany

London, May 20.—Arrangements for currency reform in the three Western Zones of Germany have now been completed except for a decision on one vital point at issue, it is learned.

The only question which remains to be decided among the zonal authorities is whether the reform is to be extended to the British, French and United States sectors of Berlin or whether it will be limited to the occupation zones.

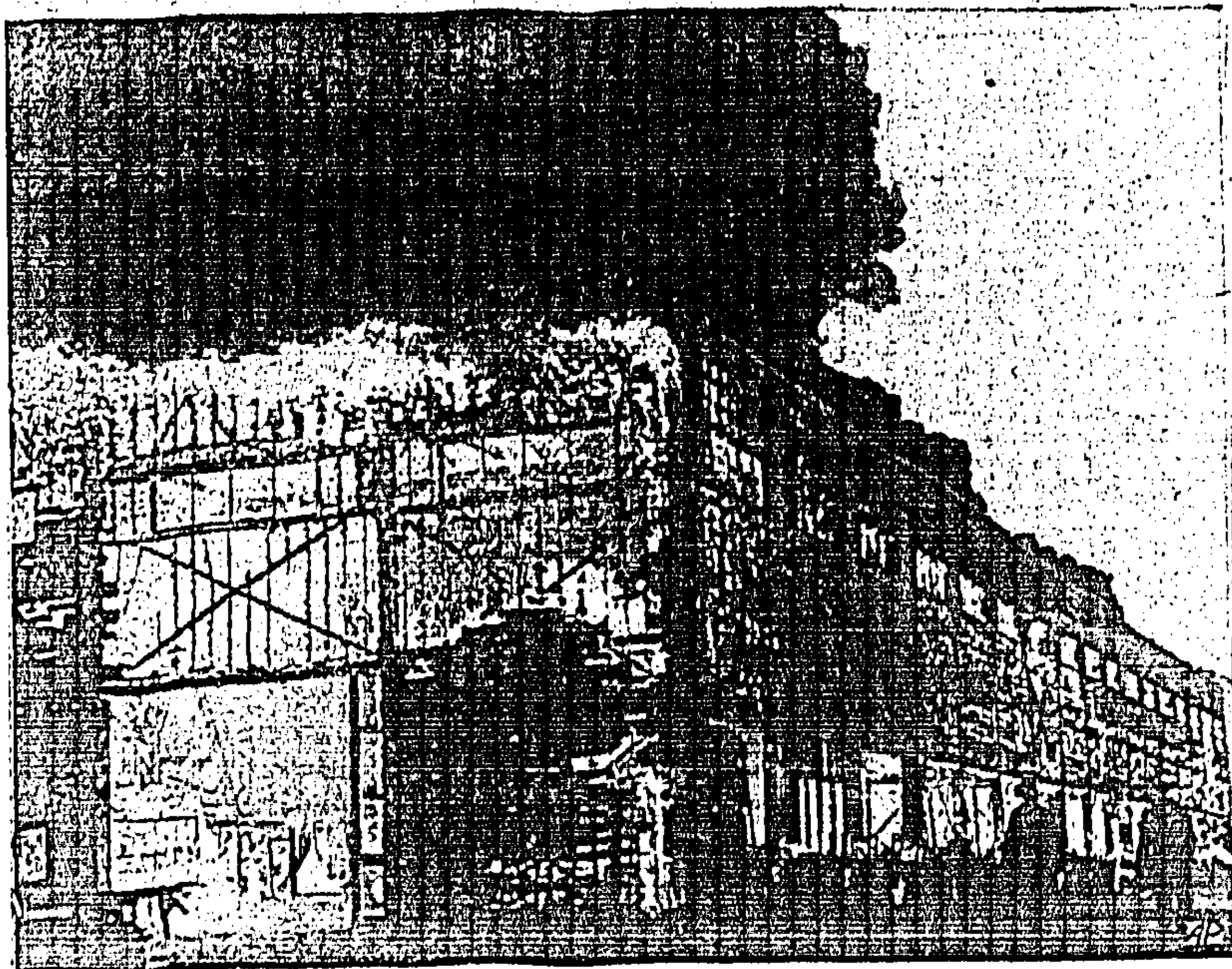
According to a usually reliable source, the plan for currency reform is unlikely to be put into effect before mid-summer, though it may be set in motion before the creation of a West German Constituent Assembly for the three zones, planned by the six-power London Conference on Germany for September 1.—Reuter.

Socialisation Of Berlin Industry

Berlin, May 20.—Major-General E. O. Herbert, the British Commander in Berlin, today reiterated the British determination to carry out the socialisation of industry in Berlin.

Referring to a recent statement in the official Soviet newspaper in Berlin, Tagliche Rundschau, that he had demanded the removal of this question from the Allied Kommandatura agenda, General Herbert declared: "This statement is a direct falsehood as opposed to the many Soviet statements which are merely gross distortions of the truth."—Reuter.

Lumber Yard Blaze



DUTCH-INDONESIA PROBLEM

Security Council Willing To Continue Good Offices

Batavia, May 20.—The Security Council's "good offices" committee is still willing to help in the solution of the Dutch-Indonesian problem, a spokesman said tonight after the current series of talks between representatives of both countries had ended today without agreement on any major issue.

The committee was considering submitting informal suggestions to the Dutch and the Indonesian Republics for a workable understanding, the spokesman said. The two main issues still unresolved were the proposed plebiscite for Indonesia's disputed areas and the question of a Netherlands-Indonesian Union.

Argentine To Cut Imports

Waiting For Some "Marshall" Dollars

Buenos Aires, May 20.—Imports from the United States, Switzerland, Portugal, Sweden, Uruguay and Brazil—all "difficult currency" areas—will cease, apart from essential items such as fuels, as a result of Argentina's suspension of exchange permits, according to well informed quarters here today.

The suspension of permits, it was believed, will remain in force until September, when "Marshall dollars" may begin to reach the Government's coffers.

The currencies affected by the new exchange control are United States dollars, Swedish crowns, Portuguese escudos, Uruguayan pesos and Brazilian cruzeros, press reports stated.

The newspaper La Prensa stated today that "family remittances" to "difficult" areas would be reduced from 500 to 100 per person but would continue at the former rate to "soft currency" areas such as Britain, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Spain.

The front page of President Peron's Democracia, considered to be the Government's mouth-piece, carried these headlines: "Argentina is not contemplating any loan abroad. The country is developing its economy with its own resources—the nation's financial situation flourishes."—Reuter.

Army Is Not Strong Enough

Brussels, May 20.—The Belgian Army was not strong enough, to assure the nation's security, the Belgian Minister of Defence, Colonel Raoul de Fraiture, declared today.

It had to be "interpolated" in a wider international defence system, he told the joint Senate-Chamber Defence Commission.

The Minister pointed out that under the recent Belgian-Dutch military agreement, Belgium would give Holland arms and ammunition. She would get ships and aircraft in return.

The Brussels pact, the Minister said, represented "better progress" than the Belgian-Dutch agreement.

He outlined plans for the reorganisation of the Belgian Army, which included the establishment of military bases in the Congo. He revealed that the Belgian Army and Air Force's present strength is 4,000 officers, 10,500 non-commissioned officers and 57,400 men.—Reuter.

Flames, causing an estimated \$500,000 loss roars through Cilco Terminal Company lumber yard at Bridgeport, Conn. The fire, fanned by offshore winds from Long Island Sound, gave firemen a two-hour battle before they were able to bring it under control.—AP Picture.

NEWSPRINT DIFFICULTY

Britain Strives To Save Dollars

London, May 20.—A government spokesman said tonight that increased newsprint imports from Scandinavia may help Britain to save dollars through a corresponding cut in imports of newsprint from Canada and Newfoundland.

He said that Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, informed the Newsprint Supply Committee by letter that the "future is difficult to forecast but there might well be cuts in newsprint imports from Canada and Newfoundland."

The spokesman emphasised, however, that no decision on such discussion has been taken and the subject will be discussed at a conference between officials of the Board of Trade and representatives of the Newsprint Supply Company next Monday.

"There is no suggestion, however, that there will be cuts in the size of our four-page daily newspapers," the spokesman said.

The Scandinavian supply is opening up again, he said, permitting Britain to consider a reduction in imports from the dollar countries.

Sir Stafford's letter, he said, resulted from persistent queries from the Newsprint Supply Company for clarification of the newsprint situation.—United Press.

Carrier Launching Test Succeeds

Washington, May 20.—The longest range aircraft in the world has been successfully launched from an American aircraft carrier.

The plane—the United States Navy's Neptune—was launched with jet-power assistance from the 45,000-ton carrier Coral Sea off the Virgin Islands last month, according to a Navy official.

This type of plane—a two-engine craft—set up a world distance record of 11,235 miles on a flight from Perth, Australia, to Columbus, Ohio, in 1946.—Reuter.

AMERICANS FORCED OFF SHIP AT GUN-POINT

Haifa, May 20.—Gun-wielding Lebanese police forced 41 Americans and 28 other passengers off the American ship "Marino Carp" in Beirut harbour yesterday in a hunt for volunteer Jewish soldiers.

The ship's officers and the American Consul clamped a blackout on the official news of the incident while an inquiry was held.

Crew members said that some of those who were aboard the ship tried to fight back and the Lebanese police drew their guns to cow them.

They said that Lebanese police came aboard in the early afternoon after the ship had arrived to examine passports and personal luggage. They turned up two or three pistols.

The police then left and came back in greater numbers a few hours later. Moving through the entire ship, they ordered the passengers to open their baggage with-in "two or three minutes" and those who failed had their baggage smashed open with axes.

The police then used the ship's loudspeakers to summon all passengers. Young men whose passports showed their destination as Palestine were ordered to one side. This group was then ordered to collect their belongings and go ashore.

Crew members said that the police ignored the loud protests from Captain H. E. Snow of New York, and other officers.

The ship which entered Haifa harbour this morning became the centre of controversy. The Jewish authorities insisted it be allowed to proceed to Tel-Aviv without unloading, thus coming under the Jewish jurisdiction. Presumably the Arab passengers aboard who were bound for Alexandria would be taken off there in retaliation.

There were several hundred other passengers aboard for Palestine mostly older men, women and children.

Several sources said that the baggage confiscated by the Lebanese were several shortwave transmitters and receivers.—United Press.

"Security" Posts Purge Confirmed

British Government's Decision

London, May 20.—The Government is sticking to its decision not to allow its employees in "security" posts, who are accused of being Communists or Fascists, to have the help of a trade union representative when appearing before the three advisers appointed to investigate appeals.

The procedure for such cases, officially disclosed tonight, lays down that a civil servant finally considered unreliable will be given work not connected with the security of the State.

If that is impossible, he will be dismissed, unless he accepts the option of resigning.

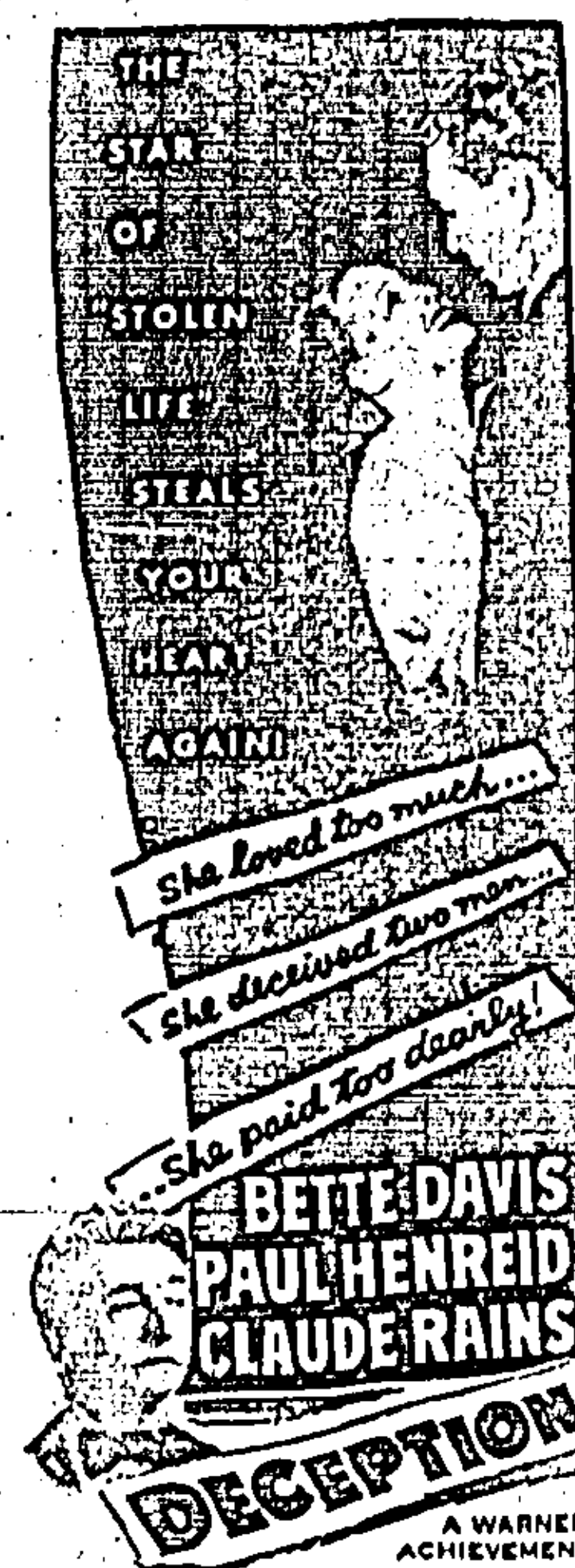
On receiving the advisers' report, the Minister of the Government department concerned will, if he decides to uphold his original decision, give the civil servant an opportunity of making representations to himself or his representative before action is finally taken.—Reuter.

DC-6's Fast Flight

Manila, May 20.—The Philippine Air Line's luxurious new airliner, Batana, a DC-6, negotiated the long stretch between San Francisco and Manila in 20 hours and 26 minutes, thus cutting down by 11 hours the actual average flying time between the two points, it was announced by the company today.—Reuter.

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THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Boardroom of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 26th day of May, 1948 at 11.00 a.m.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph Staff Photographers are on view

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